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SUMMARY OF NEWS

FORECAST.

Forecast for Georgia—Fair Thursday and Friday; variable winds.

Highest temperature yesterday 51
Lowest temperature yesterday 30
Mean temperature yesterday 40
Normal temperature 44
Precipitation for past 24 hours 00
Deficiency since first of month 1.34
Deficiency since January 1 .. .. .. .53

LOCAL.

It is believed in army circles that general army depots will shortly be established in Atlanta following the location of headquarters of department in this city.

An audience of unusual brilliance at the Grand last night witnessed the sterling production of "Twelfth Night," with Viola Allen in the leading role.

Today's sessions will conclude the convention of the Southern Surgical and Gynecological Association meeting at the Piedmont hotel.

Members of Homosassa, Fla., Fishing Club purchase handsome club house, which they will occupy this winter for the first time.

National Educational Association meets in Atlanta February 23, 24 and 25 and not at Washington, D. C., as published elsewhere.

Staff officers who are to head the department of the new department of the gulf are announced today by The Constitution.

Another ineffectual effort to stay the execution of Lee Cribb, the Coffee county murderer, is made before Governor Terrell.

A caucus of the general council will be held next week to agree on a nominee for the vacancy on the board of health.

Council caucus for the purpose of agreeing on a police commissioner to succeed W. O. Jones proves a failure.

Fireman Anderson, of engine house No. 6, is shot while on duty in mysterious manner by parties unknown.

GEORGIA.

Dudley M. Hughes and Hugh V. Washington received assurances at Savannah yesterday that the Forest City will contribute her share toward the Georgia display at St. Louis.

Corrinne Scott, a 5-year-old girl, was horribly burned at Augusta yesterday. Left alone by her mother the child went too near the grate and her clothing caught fire.

Otis Castles, of LaGrange, is shot and seriously wounded by Doc Hubbard, his uncle, at the home of the latter in Troupe county. The shooting was accidental.

A passenger train on the Atlanta and West Point ran into a section gang at Cannonville, killing one man and injuring another, who was struck by the flying body.

Freeman Eppes, a well known citizen of Macon, was found dead sitting in a rocking chair in the rear of his home today and is believed to have frozen to death.

Crackmen blew the safe of C. A. Banks, at Mansfield, Newton county, securing $750 in cash, after which they stole Banks' horse and buggy.

A concatenation of Hoo Hoos for the southwestern district of Georgia will be held at Bainbridge, Dec. 30, when twenty kittens will be put through.

President E. C. Branson of the Georgia State Normal School was last night re-elected president of the school.

SOUTHERN.

President John S. Williams, of the Seaboard, who has returned to Richmond after a trip over his railroad system, says the vagrancy laws of Georgia and Alabama are eliminating the idle negro.

The French cruiser Jurien de la Graviere is at New Orleans to take part in the celebration of the anniversary of the signing of the papers conveying Louisiana to the United States.

Citizens of Jackson county, Mississippi, have formed a law and order league for the purpose of compelling whitecappers to desist from their outrages.

The Alabama Miners' Association, in session at Birmingham, is considering plans to raise a stronger fund to maintain strikes.

DOMESTIC.

Central American affairs were discussed in the house, and also pensions, industrial and agricultural conditions and labor. The session lasted more than four hours, the house being in committee of the whole almost the entire time on the pension appropriation bill, on which no conclusion was reached.

The report of Messrs. Conrad and Bonaparte on the charges made by S. W. Tulloch, formerly cashier of the Washington city postoffice, against the administration of the office, has been made public. Under instructions from the president, the report views the Tulloch charges "from a legal standpoint."

W. A. McKowne, secretary of the board of regents of the California University, confessed to President Benjamin Ide Wheeler, of that institution, that he was a defaulter to the amount of $.0,000 and possibly more. Most of the money had been lost at the race track.

As a result of Minister Leisman's advices respecting the Alexandretta affair, the state department has requested the navy department to place a warship at the disposal of Consul Davis, now at Beirut, upon which he might return to Alexandretta at his pleasure.

Judge Evans, of Washington superior court, has named Judge A. Burwell of North Carolina and Dr. C. V. Smith, of Tennille, as receivers for the Tennille cotton mills and has ordered them to sell the property.

Secretary Root appeared before the senate military committee yesterday and made an elaborate defense of General Wood.

By the decisive vote of 57 to 18, the senate passed the bill carrying into effect the reciprocity treaty with Cuba.

FOREIGN.

An agreement has been reached between Governor Taft and the Friars by which the United States will acquire the friar lands for the sum of seven millions two hundred and ten thousand dollars in gold.

A dispatch from St. Petersburg says the Sea of Azof is rapidly disappearing.

For his brutal treatment of soldiers, Frankl, a German officer, has been sentenced to five years' imprisonment.

In the speech from the throne Emperor Francis Joseph declared his intention to stand by the dreibund.

Joseph Chamberlain closed his fiscal campaign at Leeds last night, addressing two great audiences.

The elder statesmen of Japan are conferring in regard to the Russian reply.

The Bobby and Ivernia were the winning favorites at New Orleans.

SPORTS.

Proper, the heavily played favorite, scored an easy victory in the Ingleside handicap.

MARKETS.

Cotton closed steady net 2 to 5 points lower. Sales estimated at 150,000 bales. Stocks took on a typical tone of dullness and apathy yesterday, sales amounting to only 323,600 shares.

Conditions in dry goods have changed little, buyers continuing to evince reluctance at paying the present level, while the attitude of sellers is stronger than ever.

May wheat closed at about top figures, showing an advance of 1-2c. Corn gained 1-8c and oats 1-4 to 3-8c. Provisions were weak.

DID CAPERS TAKE DINNER WITH NEGRO?

Hanna's Banquet Is Giving the South Carolina Aristocrat Considerable Trouble.

CAPERS DENIES EATING WITH JUDSON LYONS

But There Are People Unkind Enough To Say the Memory of the South Carolina Republican Convert Is Treacherous in This Respect.

By Jos: Ohl.

Washington, December 16.—(Special.)—Telegrams received here from various points in South Carolina indicate that the palmetto state is seething with anxiety to know the real answer to the question:

"Did Captain John G. Capers attend the republican national committee banquet at which Judson Lyons, the negro member from Georgia, was one of the guests?"

The action of Judge Robinson, of North Carolina, in refusing to dine with the negro committeeman resulted in many inquiries in different southern states as to the action of their respective committee members. This is particularly true of South Carolina, for Captain Capers, who is a recent office-holding convert to republicanism, has posed as a lily white of lily whites.

Captain Capers is a son of the venerable Episcopalian bishop of South Carolina, who was a gallant general in the confederate army. No family in the state stands higher socially. During the sessions of the national committee Captain Capers, who is United States district attorney and was recently named a member of the committee, was very severe in his criticism of Deas, the negro leader of his state, and he had much to say about building up a white party there. Then came the Arlington dinner, at which the members of the committee spent a delightful evening in social intercourse. Judge Robinson, of North Carolina, would not go, expressing his reason with characteristic trseuess. He proposed to remain a gentleman, he said.

The absence of no other committeeman was noticed, but it is reported here that Captain Capers, since his return to South Carolina, has denied that he was there, saying he was in Baltimore that night. Perhaps Captain Capers has a treacherous memory. It may or may not be chronic. Certainly either his memory or that of a number of members of the committee is at fault. One eminent member of the committee told me today that Capers was certainly there and he thought he made a short speech. Another member told me he talked with Capers during the banquet and that the South Carolinian gave no evidence of a desire to desert the festal board. Senator Hanna's secretary, Elmer Dover, who knows public men as well as if not better than any other man in public life, assures me that Captain Capers was at the banquet and remained there to the end, manifesting much interest in the speech of Committeeman Dimmick, of Alabama, who took occasion to discuss the southern situation at length.

South Carolina democrats here say that this little episode simply sustains their contention that the republican party is a negro party and that social equality must follow political equality. Captain Capers wants to be judge of the federal court in case a South Carolina district is provided for.

FRENCH CRUISER AT NEW ORLEANS

Vessels Arrive for Celebration of Louisiana Purchase Centennial.

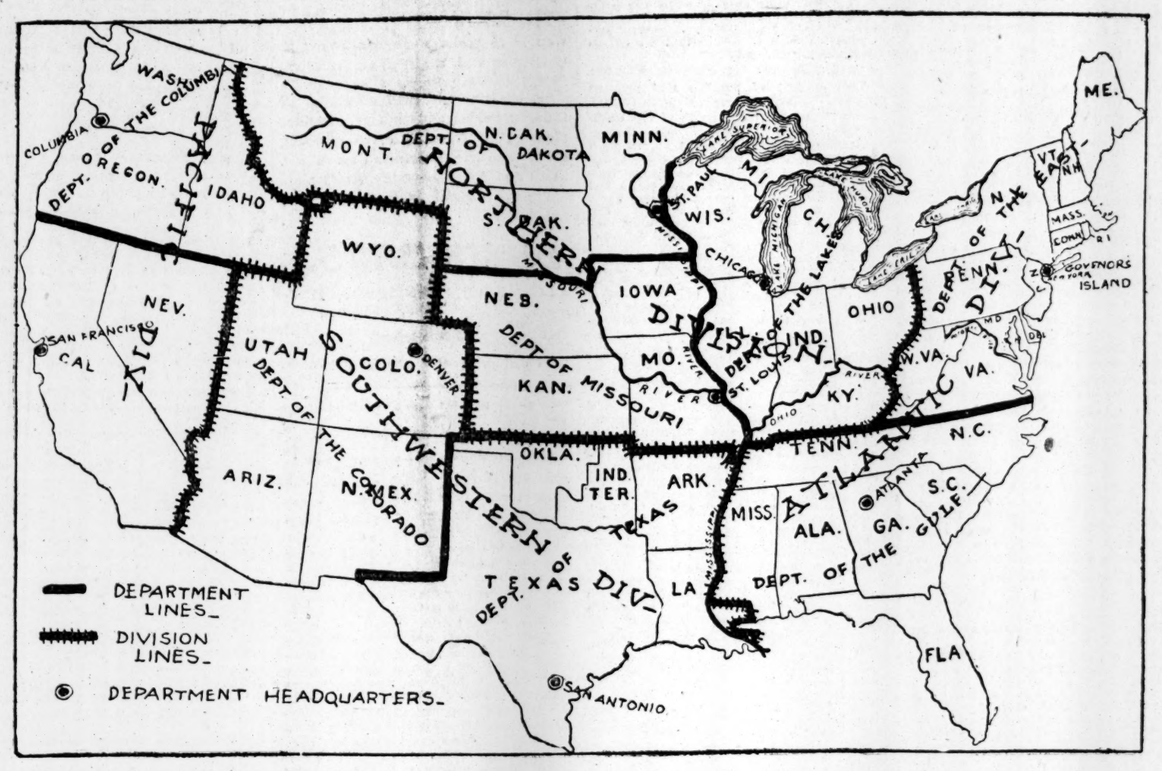
New Orleans, December 16—The French second-class cruiser Jurien de la Graviere, which comes to represent the French government in the celebration of the centennial anniversary of the transfer of Louisiana to the United States, arrived before the city this morning at 8 o'clock. Captain Lemogne commanding. The vessel comes here from the West Indies.

The United States cruisers Minneapolis, Yankee and Topeka entered the river at the passes early this morning and are before the city tonight, they also coming to take part in the celebration, having been preceded by the United States training ship Hartford, on yesterday. The Hartford is of special interest because she was Admiral Farragut's flagship forty-one years ago, when he captured the city of New Orleans and turned it over to the federal government again.

It has been announced that the Spanish cruiser Rio de la Plata, which is coming to take part in the celebration, will probably arrive too late for participation in the ceremonies.

All the arrangements for the event have now been completed with the exception that President Roosevelt has not yet appointed a representative of the United States government to be present, although France and Spain have done so.

DEPARTMENT HEADS NAMED; ARMY DEPOTS FOLLOW SOON



NEW TERRITORIAL DIVISIONS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

The four grand divisions are indicated by the heavy crossed lines. The departmental divisions are indicated by the solid heavy black lines, and the crossed black lines.

The headquarters of the divisions are as follows:

Atlantic division, New York; northern division, St. Louis; southwestern division, Oklahoma City; Pacific division, San Francisco.

The headquarters of the departments are as follows: Of the east, New York; of the gulf, Atlanta; of the lakes, Chicago; of the Missouri, Omaha; of Texas, San Antonio; of the Colorado, Denver; of California, San Francisco; of the Columbia, Columbia.

General Army Depots for Atlanta Considered a Certainty in Near Future--Business Men Gratified at Location of Headquarters.

It is very probable that with the coming of the department of the gulf of the United States army to Atlanta for headquarters that depots will be established here that will mean much for the best interests of the city.

A representative of The Constitution talked with one of the officers at Fort McPherson about the matter last evening. While he was unquestionably in a position to know, his name is not used at his own request.

"I dare say," he began, "that the moving of headquarters to Atlanta will mean much more than is apparent at first glance. You say the report comes from Washington that general depots for the commissary and quartermaster departments will be established here. That I believe is usually the case.

"Of course, if that is done, the supplies or at least most of them, will come through Atlanta for the entire territory in the department of the gulf. When you take into consideration the many posts that are included in this department, the purchasing of these supplies will amount to a great deal.

Atlanta's Facilities.

"Atlanta is most fortunately situated not only as a strategic point in case of war, but as a supply station for all points in the territory. Its railroad facilities are simply wonderful and it is a rival of Chicago as a distributing point. Naturally that means everything both in peace and war and unquestionably had much to do with the selecting of Atlanta as headquarters by the general staff.

"Still another thing, Atlanta is a manufacturing city and this should mean much in her interest. If a depot of the quartermasters' department is established here, Atlanta concerns would be able to put in lower bids on account of the saving of freight rates. As it is now, most of these goods come from New York and Chicago and the freight rates amount to considerable. Whether or not the surrounding country would be able to provide the materials necessary for the subsistence department is another question.

"If a purchasing depot is established Atlanta will have another advantage in being the great mule market she is. Very many of these animals are purchased for the army and Atlantans would be in the best kind of a position to bid for Uncle Sam's trade. Then I suppose big ware houses will be engaged for the storing of grain and other supplies.

"You see all of the coast batteries on the southern Atlantic coast, Charleston, Savannah, St. Augustine and the rest of them will look to Atlanta as their headquarters and if depots are stationed here, the contracts for the supplying of all these army and coast posts would amount to a great deal, just how much I would be afraid to estimate even approximately.

The Purchasing Department.

"But I feel quite sure that Atlanta with her many natural advantages through location and as a strategic point and manufacturing center will reap a great deal more of benefit than she knows. Certainly it will be so if a purchasing department is opened here, which I naturally presume will be the case and the orders that are now going to New York and Chicago from Fort McPherson and other southern posts will go to Atlanta.

"Another thing, I dare say the headquarters will bring with them a working force of over one hundred clerks. This will in itself mean much to Atlanta, and then as vacancies occur at headquarters, it is quite possible that these vacancies will be filled with men from nearer headquarters, Atlanta, for instance.

"Any more than this I cannot say at present, but if with the coming of headquarters to Atlanta brings with it the open bid for army supply contracts, as I believe it will, Atlanta, with her enterprise and ability to save on freight rates, is sure to win."

Atlantans Are Pleased.

Few announcements have caused so much pleasure among Atlantans as did the one in The Constitution, which stated that the war department at Washington had determined to recreate the military department of the gulf with headquarters in Atlanta.

The new department means much for Atlanta, and those citizens who manifest an interest in public affairs have not been slow to realize it. An evidence of this was the letter which Mayor Howell promptly directed to Secretary Elihu Root, of the war department, when The Constitution announced that Chattanooga had sent a delegation to the war department for the purpose of urging that the Tennessee city be designated as headquarters for the department of the gulf.

The dispatches from Washington on yesterday morning stating that the war department had officially recreated the new military department of the gulf and had announced headquarters to be in Atlanta, therefore, caused much satisfaction. The dispatches stated who the commanding general of the department would be, and those of this morning give the names of various other army officers who are assigned to duty here.

The recreating of the department has recalled to mind the old department of the gulf, which was created when the department of Texas was abolished. All of the officers of the department of Texas were moved to Atlanta and had charge of the movements of troops in this sections. Headquarters were first in the Austell building, where an entire floor was occupied, the latter in the Prudential building, where, also, an entire floor was used.

It is therefore probable that headquarters for the new department of the gulf will occupy a floor in one of the tall office buildings of Atlanta, but which one will be used has, of course, not been determined.

Was Result of War.

The department which formerly had headquarters here was created as a result of the Spanish-American war. This section of the country was filled with soldiers, and their handling required the presence of officers of the commissary, quartermaster, medical and other departments. For that reason the department of Texas was abolished and the department of the gulf created. After the defeat of the Spaniards the department of Texas was recreated and the department of the gulf was merged with the department of the east, with headquarters on Governor's Island, New York.

The department of the gulf was a splendid thing for the merchants of Atlanta for the reason that nearly all the goods used by the government in this section were purchased from them.

The social side of the department of the gulf will also be remembered. The officers and their wives made a delightful addition to Atlanta society.

Those who were acquainted with the officers stationed in Atlanta as a result of headquarters being in this city regretted very much the announcement that the department would be merged with the department of the east, and there is consequently much gratification because of the fact that the old department is to be recreated.

Complete Assignment of Heads of Department of Gulf Given Out Yesterday by General S. B. M. Young.

THE complete assignment of staff officers to serve as heads of departments in the department of the gulf, given out yesterday afternoon at Washington by Major General S. B. M. Young, head of the general staff, is as follows:

Commanding officer, Brigadier Geral Peter C. Hains.

Adjutant general, Major Willard F. Waltz, of the adjutant general's department, who will also act temporarily as judge advocate of the department.

Chief quartermaster, Lieutenant Colonel Samuel R. Jones, deputy quartermaster general.

Chief commissary, Lieutenant Colonel Henry B. Osgood, subsistence department.

Chief surgeon, Lieutenant Colonel Edwin F. Gardner, deputy surgeon general.

Chief paymaster, Major Manly B. Curry, pay department.

Ordnance officer, Major David A. Lyle, ordnance department.

By Jos: Ohl.

Washington, December 16.—(Special.)—The assignments of staff officers to serve as heads of departments under General Peter Haines, commander of the department of the gulf, when the new order of things becomes effective on January 15th were designated this afternoon by General S. B. M. Young, chief of the general staff. The list of the department of the gulf is made up of officers of ability and standing, men popular with their associates and whose presence will mean a distinct addition to the social life of the Georgia capital. These billets under the department of the gulf have been much sought after, as Atlanta is regarded a most desirable station. It will be noted that all of these officers are of high rank, all being above the rank of captain. Major Manly B. Curry is now stationed at Atlanta. Under the official order the troops stationed in the island of Cuba are assigned to the department of the gulf while those in Porto Rico remain under the department of the east. Porto Rico and the islands and keys adjacent thereto are made a part of the department of the east.

While no steps toward that end have yet been taken, it is certain that the creation of the department of the gulf will mean the further development of Fort McPherson, and an increase in the number of troops stationed at Atlanta. In case the present isthmian complications should precipitate war with Colombia, Atlanta would probably become the most important military point in the country, the troops for service in southern waters being concentrated there and sent on transports from ports within the department of the gulf. That such a contingency is officially recognized as possible is shown by the authorized statement which came from Secretary Moody that the marines would be relied upon unless there is evidence of a Colombian attack upon Panama, in which event troops would be immediately sent there, whether the pending treaty shall have been ratified or not.

NO ACTION TAKEN BY DEMOCRATS

Senators Have Not Yet Decided on Course as to Panama.

Washington, December 16.—The democratic senators continued their caucus today with a view to reaching a conclusion on the course to be pursued regarding legislation. They decided that the caucus action in deciding that democratic senators should vote together on party questions in the future should be binding in the vote upon the Cuban reciprocity bill, but that each senator should vote as he might prefer on that measure. The conference also decided to postpone its decision as to the course to be pursued with reference to the Panama canal treaty and decided to hold other meetings for the consideration of that and other questions as they may come up.

Mrs. McKinley's Aunt Dead.

Birmingham, Ala., December 16.—(Special)—Mrs. Mary M. Shoof, aged 86, an aunt of Mrs. William McKinley, died here today. Her former home was Fort Wayne, Ind., and she had come south for her health. Her estate is said to be valued at several millions.

STRIKE MONEY WILL BE RAISED

Alabama Miners To Adopt New Method for Raising Funds.

Birmingham, Ala., December 16.—At today's session of the United Mine Workers of America, district of Alabama, a resolution was adopted abolishing semi-annual conventions and providing for but one state convention annually, to be held in June, preceding the expiration of the annual wage contracts on July 1.

President Flynn, in reviewing the difficulties which the miners' union has had to cope with in prosecuting strikes, employing lawyers to defend members who were arrested, etc., said that it had been necessary, within the past six months, to secure $10,000 from the national body.

He said that the strikes at Virginia City, Aldrich and Cordova are now costing the organization about $1,700 per month.

The convention abolished the 50 cents monthly assessment on all members and went into executive session to agree upon a new asessment plan and amount to as to build up a sufficient defense fund to maintain strikes and protect the members of the union.

PERRY HEATH GIVEN BLOWS IN THE NECK

Republican Secretary Is Scored in Report of Conrad and Bonaparte.

HEATH SHOUTS "LIES," BUT CHARGES ARE TRUE

Report Goes on To Show That the Conduct of the Ex-Postal Official Is Not Above Suspicion, Despite His Denials.

Washington, December 16.—The report of Messrs. Conrad and Bonaparte on the charges made by S. W. Tulloch, formerly cashier of the Washington city postoffice, against the administration of this office, was made public today. Under instructions from the president, the report views the Tulloch charges "from a legal standpoint."

The tendency to evade answering these charges evinced by those replying to the postmaster general's request for such answers, the repart says, is illustrated very forcibly by the charges against Perry S. Heath, former first assistant postmaster general, which have been made public heretofore and his answers to them.

"We consider this answer," it continues, "altogether insufficient, and no less unsatisfactory in substance than in form."

Heath's Record Not Clear.

Continuing, the report says the revision of Postmaster Willett's accounts of itself is sufficient to show that Mr. Heath's official record is not so clear as to defy suspicion.

It adds:

"Moreover, the 'confidential report' of Inspector in Charge Smith, and the 'special report' of Inspector Little, tend so strongly to sustain some of the most serious charges made by Mr. Tulloch against Mr. Heath that it is quite impossible to dispose of these charges by calling them 'lies out of the whole cloth.' The reasonable inference to be drawn from Mr. Heath's complete failure to meet fully and explicitly accusations which, as Postmaster General Payne very justly admonished him, 'charged him with many acts of doubtful propriety,' added to the facts appearing from the record evidence laid before us, oblige us to say that at least a strong prima facie case is presented of wilful and reckless disregard by the late first assistant postmaster general of obligation imposed on him by the regulations of his own department, as well as by the statutes of the United States; and we feel it our duty to add that suspicion of his personal integrity must be inevitably aroused in our judgment, by an impartial consideration of the facts submitted to us and of his plainly inadequate explanations."

The report takes up in detail the charges of improper appointments of subordinates and improper disbursements of public funds, as contained in the Tulloch charges, and after analysis, concludes:

"So far as indicated by the papers submitted to us, the persons directly responsible for these fraudulent employments were Messrs. Perry S. Heath and George W. Beavers, neither of whom is now in the public service. It seems clear, however, that this responsibility extends, in some measure, to the late postmaster general, who appears to have at least tolerated the practice after notice of its existence and to the late and present postmasters at Washington, each of whom appears to have accepted the transfer to his office of a number of persons thus employed without, so far as is known, any protest or exposure."

Castle's Readiness.

The report comments on Auditor Castle's "apparent readiness to disregard the usual safeguards against unauthorized expenditures." In passing accounts for employees, the character of whose services could not be ascertained, and in allowing Beavers' "illegal and fraudulent claim of $1,148 for expenses" in connection with the court of claims. The report says:

"We find it impossible to doubt that Mr. Heath, Mr. Van Cott and Mr Beavers himself all knew the payment of this additional compensation was expressly forbidden by law and that it was called 'expenses' to evade the prohibition."

The summary and conclusions of the report are as follows:

"As a result of our inquiry in the 'Tulloch charges' and of the considerations hereinbefore set forth, we have the honor to report that, in our judgment,

"First, the discussion of the 'Tulloch charges' has revealed the existence of deplorable and gravely discreditable abuses during the years 1898, 1899 and 1900 in the Washington postoffice and the office of the first assistant postmaster general.

"Second. These abuses involved conduct on the part of various public officials which was certainly often illegal, and may have been sometimes criminal, but such offenses, if committed, were in all cases committed more than three years before we were ordered to investigate the 'charges' and, so far as we are clearly informed, more than three years before Mr. Tulloch's interview of May 1 last.

"Third. The evidence laid before us suggests the possibility, and even probability, but does not prove that abuses may have continued both in the department and in the postoffice subsequently to the early summer of 1900, when we lose sight of them, and that in connection therewith criminal acts may have been committed within the period of limitations.

"Fourth. The report of Inspector Crowell and the facts relating to the claim of George W. Beavers indicate the possibility that similar conditions may have existed both within and beyond the period of limitations in the New York postoffice."

Heath Held Responsible.

"Fifth. The persons primarily responsible for the above mentioned abuses and the resulting scandals appear to have been Perry S. Heath, then first as-

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sistant postmaster general, and George W. Beavers, then chief of the salaries and allowances division, neither of whom is now in the service of the United States.

"Sixth. Charles Emory Smith, the late postmaster general; James P. Willett, late postmaster of Washington, now deceased; John A. Merritt, his successor in the said office, and its incumbent; Robert J. Tracewell, comptroller, and Henry A. Castle, auditor for the postoffice department, all appear to have shared in some measure their responsibilities; the late postmaster general for his seeming failure, notwithstanding repeated warning, to appreciate the gravity of their misconduct and the consequent necessity for its prompt and adequate punishment; the two postmasters for toleration of these abuses and obedience to plainly improper orders without exposure, or apparent protest, and the auditor and comptroller for acting upon lax and arbitrary principles in the administration of their respective offices whereby the payment of illegal and seemingly fraudulent claims by the treasury was rendered possible.

"Seventh. The employ of subordinates in postoffices about to become classified for the purpose of thus securing their admission without examination into the classified service was a practice in fraudem legis and officials guilty of it thereby established their own unfitness for public employment.

"Eighth. The employment of so-called 'laborers' to do 'classified' work was clearly illegal, and, under the express directions of the civil service rules, to be punished by dismissal from office.

"Ninth. An agreement by any public officer with any person, whether in or out of the public service at the time, that the latter shall receive the emoluments of public employment under pretense of being employed without rendering any services to the government, constitutes a conspiracy to defraud the United States.

Unjust and Oppressive.

"Tenth. The detail of Thomas G. Gilmer to different work of a lower grade and at a reduced compensation by F. A. Vanderlip, then acting secretary of the treasury, under all the circumstances attending it, was apparently unjust and oppressive, and certainly disastrous to the public interest, since it would be generally and naturally understood by those cognizant of it as a punishment inflicted on a faithful public servant, who had by the honest discharge of his duty, incurred the enmity of active and influential politicians. It seems to have been preceded by no sufficient inquiry on the part of Acting Secretary Vanderlip, and would render proper an investigation of the latter's conduct were he still in the public service.

"Eleventh. While we express no opinion as to the propriety of Seymour W. Tulloch's removal from the office of cashier by Postmaster Merritt, his removal was clearly regrettable in the public interest, as leading naturally to the belief that the cashier had been, in fact, removed for his failure to comply with irregular and even illegal demands upon the funds in his custory.

"We very respectfully recommend:

"1. That a thorough investigation be ordered, if it has not been already ordered (a) of the administration of the Washington postoffice, (b) of the administration of the New York postoffice, and (c) of the administration of the office of the first assistant postmaster general within the past three years.

"2. That a carefully chosen, small commission be appointed by the president to report a plan whereby the work of the offices of the comptroller and of the several auditors may be removed from all political, personal or other extraneous influences."

Bristow Lands on Heath.

Washington, December 16.—The full report of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow was made public today, with the exception of the exhibits, which are withheld because of the pending criminal cases.

The report reveals many new facts, brought out by the month of investigation and not embodied in the official abstract made public a fortnight ago.

The report speaks of profligate expenditures for Bundy Time Recorders. It states that Hugh McLandon, secretary of a pneumatic cancelling machine company, testified during the investigation that in this city in 1902, where he came for orders, Beavers referred him to a clerk named H. Clayton Graff, "as the man to do business with," and that in a personal conversation, Graff said "you know none of us are here for our health. The government is not liberal in the matter of its salaries, and it costs much to live in Washington."

Edward S. Allen, now clerk at the Cleveland, Ohio, postoffice, testified that reports he made on the merits of the Hampden cancelling machine were not satisfactory to First Assistant Postmaster General Heath or to Beavers, and says he was plainly advised that it was Mr. Heath's desire that these machines be installed and the desire of Mr. Beavers "and the general" that he do less talking derogatory to the machine. The machines proved worthless. The report says that H. J. Trusdell, of Binghamton, N. Y., of the cancelling machine company, told the inspectors that before the order was given for 100 Doremus cancelling machines, 200 shares ($20,000 worth) of the stock of the company was transferred to the first assistant postmaster general, Heath promising to order not less than 300 machines at $225 each. The evidence against Heath was submitted to the grand jury here, but the district attorney decided that it was not sufficient to warrant the indictment.

The Part of Rand.

The report describes the efforts of H. H. Rand, of the postmaster general office, to sell stock in a mining company to postoffice employes, and gives evidence that Rand used government clerks in transacting private business

Regarding the sale promotions in New York City and Jersey City, the report mentions Bayonne, N. J., as also involved, and says that while Otto F. Weis, the registry clerk at New York, now dismissed, and an intimate friend of Beavers, says he collected from $8,000 to $10,000 for the "legislative fund" for the clerks. Weis stated that he used about $3,000 of this money for expenses and that the balance, $6,000 or $7,000, he paid to Benjamin Parkhurst, "an intimate friend of Beavers."

These facts were submitted to the grand jury here in May, but the district attorney recommended against prosecution on the ground of insufficient evidence and further effort toward criminal process against Beavers and Weis in this case was dropped, when on May 31st last, the state of limitations operated in Beavers' case.

The report names a number of instances where clerks were appointed on order of Beavers, against the wishes of the postmasters. These clerks performed but meagre service. Minerva Jeffrey, the report continues, was a $600 clerk at Fredonia, N. Y., for the first five months in 1899, though she did no work there. The postmaster never saw her, he says, and her payments were sent by check to Washington and deposited in Beavers' personal bank account.

Regarding contracts with congressmen for leases of postoffice premises, the report says:

"There is no evidence to indicate that Beavers' reckless and high-handed proceedings in the matter of leases was the result of any general scheme of corruption or blackmail on his part. His purpose seems to have been to place members of congress and influential politicians under personal obligations to him."

ALL ARE TRYING TO RAISE COTTON

Experiments of Foreign Countries with Fleecy Staple.

Decline in the Production of Cotton in the South Causes England, Germany and Other Countries to Experiment. Report Success.

By Jos: Ohl.

Washington, December 16.—(Special.)—The conditions attendant upon cotton production of the United States in recent years is resulting in vigorous and systematic efforts by European countries to establish a cotton producing industry in other parts of the world which shall render them independent of the United States for this important staple, which has for many years brought more money into this country than any other single product of the farm or factory. Prior to 1898 the cotton production of the United States steadily increased, and this country became the great cotton producer of the world, supplying fully three-fourths and in many cases four-fifths of the world's cotton. In 1898 the crop was the unprecedented figure of 11,199,994 bales, and in 1899 had reached 11,274,840 bales. From that period began a reduction of cotton production, the figures for 1900 being 9,436,416 bales; for 1901, 10,383,422 bales; for 1902, 10,680,680 bales, and the department of agriculture now announces an estimate of 9,962,000 bales for 1903.

Immensely Valuable Crop.

The total value of cotton exported from the United States since 1870 is $7,339,658,392, and from 1800 down to the present time $1 237,926,092.

Thus while in nearly all the other great productions of the country the years from 1899 to 1903 have shown a steady advance in volume, that of cotton has shown a steady decline. Coal production, for example, has increased from 226,000,000 million tons in 1899 to 261,000,000 in 1902; pig iron, from 13,000,000 tons in 1899 to nearly 18,000,000 in 1902; copper, from 253,000 tons in 1899 to 286,000 tons in 1902; silver, from $70,000,000 value in 1899 to $75,000,000 in 1902; gold, from $71 000,000 in 1899 to $80.000,000 in 1902; wool, from 272,000.000 pounds in 1899 to 316,000,000 in 1902; wheat, from 547,000.000 bushels in 1899 to 2.500,000.000 in 1902; corn, from 2,000.000.000 bushels in 1899 to 2,500,000.000 in 1902; while cotton has fallen from 11,274,000 bales to an estimated 9,962,000 bales in 1903.

One effect of this reduction in our production of the clothing material for which the world relies almost exclusively upon the United States and the consequent high prices resulting from the decrease of production has been, as above indicated, a vigorous and systematic attempt in the European countries having colonial possessions in a cotton climate to establish a cotton producing industry in those possessions. The English, the French, the Germans, the Portugese, the Russians, the Belgians—in fact, practically all the European countries having territory with a climate which suggests the practicability of cotton production—are now actively at work attempting to establish cotton growing industries in some parts of their tropical or subtropical areas. This includes, in the case of England, her colonial possessions in east Africa, west Africa and India, the West Indian islands and her possessions on the mainland of tropical America; Germany, her possessions in Africa; Russia, her southern territory, which already produces considerable quantity of cotton, while the Portuguese and Belgian possessions in Africa are also being subjected to careful examination with reference to their cotton producing possibilities.

Consuls Report on Foreign Efforts.

This subject of possible and perhaps probable serious competition in cotton production from other parts of the world has resulted in the publication by the department of commerce and labor through its bureau of statistics, of a series of statements from the United States consuls and from commercial, industrial and agricultural publications in various parts of the world regarding the steps being taken to develop and promote a permanent cotton industry in territory controlled by other countries.

The prime movers in the promotion of an adequate cotton supply outside of the United States are the British Cotton Growing Association, the Kolonial-Wirtschaftliche committee, of Berlin, and the Colonial Cotton Association in France.

Consul General Evans, of London, reports that the British Cotton Growing Association is trying to grow cotton in west Africa and the West Indies. He says that about 30,000 acres will shortly be under cotton cultivation on the British west African coast, where the movement gives much promise of success. Free transportation, extensive distribution of seed and advice of experts are among the means employed to promote the industry. Cotton grows wild in many parts of the colony and during the American civil war large quantities were grown and sold in England

Consul Halstead, at Birmingham, also calls attention to the conditions in the Yaruba country, in British West Africa. The soil is said to be rich and fertile and the labor apt and cheap, an unlimited supply being available at about 18 cents a day. Consul Halstead does not speak so favorably of the quality of labor obtainable, but says that the association hopes that it will improve with training and experience. He says that the cotton received from the region is substantially equal to American, except in color, due to the lack of skill in picking and handling. The area suitable for cotton growing in British West Africa and Nigeria is claimed to be equal to that in our southern states, but the American consul says its claim seems to be extravagant. In Sierra Leone and Gambia the product from native seed seems to succeed better than from Egyptian or American seed.

Other British Experiments.

The British association is also experimenting in British East Africa. British Central Africa, Rhodesia and the gold coast, but not so much progress has been made as in some of the other regions mentioned. The West Indies and the colonies in Central and South America are also receiving their share of attention.

Consul Estes, at Antigua, reports cotton planting there, and Consul Boyle, of Liverpool, mentions Jamaica, Trinidad, St. Christopher, St. Lucia, the Barbados and the Bahamas as places where cotton will be grown in largely increased quantities. In this connection he notes that sea island cotton is a native of Barbados, and also that at the close of the eighteenth century 70 per cent of England's cotton supply came from the West Indies. Consul Boyle also reports favorable prospects for cotton growing in British Guiana, British Honduras and Ceylon with less probable success in Australia.

In India a movement is also on foot not only to increase the quantity (which is said to be capable of an augment of a million bales), but also to improve the quality.

The Nile improvements, it is said, will immediately increase Egypt's crop about 100,000,000 pounds, while in the Sudan there are said to be million of acres of land capable of producing a fiber at least as good as Egyptian.

German and French Experiments.

The Germans also are attempting to secure a cotton supply from their own colonies. In 1901 Consul Albert, of Brunswick, reported that graduates of the Tuskegee institute were engaged in establishing cotton cultivation in Togoland. Consuls Monaghan, at Chemnits, and Hughes, at Coburg, have made more recent reports on the subject. Considerable quantities have been shipped from Togo, where there is said to be as much land suitable for cotton as in Egypt, with a favorable soil and climate. More recently Kameroon, in German Southwest Africa; Ambolade and German East Africa have come into the field. From the Kiowa district, in German East Africa, a small qauntity reached Bremen, and is said to be as good as the Egyptian product.

The French are investigating their tropical colonies as to the possibilities of cotton production. In 1902 Consul Covert, at Lyons, wrote that French statesmen expected that in the future they would be able to procure their supply of cotton from Tunis, Algeria and Madagascar. Consul Hanauer mentions Madagascar, Indo-China, the Sudan and the colonies on the west coast of Africa as promising sources of supply for France. Ex-Minister of Public Works M. Baudin says that money has been raised to make trials in the Sudan and the valley of the Niger.

Consul Halloway, at St. Petersburg, reports that Russian mills use over a million bales of cotton annually, of which nearly three-fourth is imported Consul Smith, at Moscow, says that by the assistance of the government and the cotton consumers the production of cotton in Central Asia is increasing every year. Consul Hughes says that the Russian government intends to create loan offices to supply the lack of credit, furnish selected seed and furthermore revise the duties so as to develop an independent supply.

In Other Sections.

Other countries whose consumption of raw cotton is small have been influenced by the high price of cotton. Consul Ruffin, at Asuncion, reports a lively interest in cotton raising in Paraguay. The United States minister to Peru, Mr. Dudley, says that the coast region of that country is especially favorable for cotton culture, already producing about 20.000.000 pounds, but efforts are being made to increase it largely. Consul Donaldson, at Managua, says that cotton grows wild and luxuriantly in Nicaragua, but states that the last crop was destroyed by insects. Consul Watts, at Prague, says that no cotton is grown in Austro-Hungary, all attempts, including recent attempts in Hungary, having signally failed.

MORTUARY.

W. J. Brown, Jr., Greenville, S. C.

Greenville, S. C., December 16.—(Special.)—W. J. Brown, Jr., student at Furman university, died this morning as a result of appendicitis. His body, accompanied by seven members of the senior class and President Poteat, was taken at noon today to the late home of Mr. Brown in Florence. He was one of the most popular students in college.

J. I. Harris, Crawforuville, Ga.

Crawfordville, Ga., December 16.—(Special.)—J. I. Harris, a prosperous and well known citizen of this county, passed away yesterday and the remains were interred in the family burying ground, near Sharon. He had been in ill health for some weeks, and his death was not unexpected.

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Of course, this pleases the Brooklynite about as much as the appearance of snakes the day after a "night off."

Now in Atlanta there is no such factional fight being waged, and from the barracks to Brookwood the spirit of Atlanta is the common tie that binds. So much by way of introduction.

This is the true story of the experiences of an Atlanta woman who has gone to spend the winter in New York. Her name might be Mrs. Golding, and she has many friends in this city. The letters in the case are in the hands of the Passing Throng man, and can be submitted as evidence if it is necessary. Here is the first letter, which may be called "Exhibit A." It is from the lady in New York to one in Atlanta:

"My Dear Florence: I'm in New York and trouble. You're such a dear that I know you'll help me out because it is very serious. It's about Jack, and I don't know what I shall ever do about all that's happened. He has been so perfectly lovely to me lately that it makes me feel worse than ever. Honestly, I shall never be able to forgive myself and I just don't know how I can ever forgive myself. But you're so sweet and helpful and Jack and I both think so much of you—well, I hope, dear, that if you ever get married you will have just as perfectly sweet and absolutely adorable admirer as my Jack is. And to think what I've done. I shall never be happy again if you don't help me out of this terrible scrape I'm in."

Don't get alarmed, gentle reader. Nothing is going to happen that you would not have your little 10-year-old daughter read. This editorial interruption is not intended to prepare the way for disappointment, such is sure to come with the end of the letter, so far as those who feed on the meat of gossip is concerned. It is written that no possible reader, the proof reader and compositor, at least, may misunderstand Mrs. Golding. If you have any experience with feminine letters you will know that they twist the methods of the pulpit completely and begin with "the thirdly and fourthly and in conclusion," and end up with the text and the subject of what they are talking about. Some vtry young husbands have suffered much from ignorance on this subject. They have read the first page and immediately rushed to the diver to jump in—to a hack and return, tearing their hair and moaning "all I slost."

Husbands who have been in harness longer save themselves any such mental suffering by reading the postscript first which invariably explains and introduces everything that has gone before.

In the rest of pretty Mrs. Golding's letter there were more references to the terrible things that belonged to the future and especially to Jack if he should ever hear of it and commands and entreaties to burn the letter at once and all of that sort of thing. Then she hurried on to tell of a dinner she had just attended and about the pink and green color scheme that was "simply ravishing" and a little box party and an after theater supper given by Jimmy Van Zandt, who was "perfectly fascinating," and "looked like a Greek god." To the ordinarily ugly man this matter of a masculine being in a Tuxedo resembling anything approaching the classic, is a bit impossible. But it is also probable that the ordinarily ugly man is somewhat prejudiced on the subject.

Finally after Mrs. Golding, who is one of those young matrons whom no girl cares to have along as a chaperone for obvious reasons, had written a number of other things with many references to "Jimmy," who was all that he ought not to be, and particularly entertaining for the same reason, she signed her name with a very wide flourish copied after Jack's signature, except that she added the usual accompanying blot.

In the femenine addenda, or tag piece or postscript or news department or what ever you may want to call the important part of a woman's letter, she added naively, "I forgot to tell you that what I wanted you to do was to get some pink embroidering silk like the inclosed sample. I have tried all over New York and can't get it. These New York stores have got more things that you are not looking for than you could pile up in Grant park. I can get just what I want in Atlanta any time in half an hour. Here it takes me all day to refuse what I don't want. You see I am making a sofa cushion for Jack for Christmas and I haven't got enough silk to finish it and he would be so horribly disappointed if he didn't get it Christmas that I just know he would never forgive me. Now do send it right back, there's a dear and you're the sweetest thing I know. Goodby. I forgot to ask you how you and Dick are coming on? I dare say he's forgotten me. I must stop now, so goodby. Please, please don't forget to hurry with the silks and tell me what they cost. Goodby. Don't forget the trading stamps. Save them for me. Goodby."

No need to even try to estimate the terrible grief and suffering that would come to Jack if that pink-embroidered sofa cushion was a day or two late. No need to mention the fact that pretty Mrs. Golding forgot to inclose the sample.

But it is worth mentioning that the New York shopper had to send to Atlanta for her purchase because she could not find what she wanted there. That's so important that it would have been mentioned in the first paragraph of this true story except that it was also an account of a woman's letter and in the very nature of things the important point had to come last.

W. Henry Gay, special representative of the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Gay, in addition to being one of the most successful insurance men in that section of the state, attends to a large mercantile business. His home is at Silvey, Ga.

James Young, of New York, is a guest at the Piedmont.

Miss Viola Allen is registered at the Piedmont.

Among several prominent visitors from Macon is Minter Wimberley, at the Kimball.

J. Anthony Cook, a prominent Philadelphian, is stopping at the Piedmont.

Charles B. King, of Thomaston, Ga., is a guest at the Kimball.

Charles G. Pearce, of Jacksonville, is registered at the Kimball.

A. J. Little, of Elberton, is stopping at the Kimball.

Hon. D. B. Hollingsworth, of Fayetteville, is registered at the Kimball.

C. F. Sasser is making a visit to the Kimball from Senoia, Ga.

Among the LaGrange men at the Kimball is H. R. Stack.

Hon. A. C. Stone, of Monroe, is a Kimballite for a few days.

J. E. Godfrey, of Madison, is registered at the Kimball.

William Rawlings, of Sandersville, Ga., is stopping at the Kimball.

UNCLE SAM GETS LANDS OF FRIARS

Governor Taft and Catholic Church Reach Agreement.

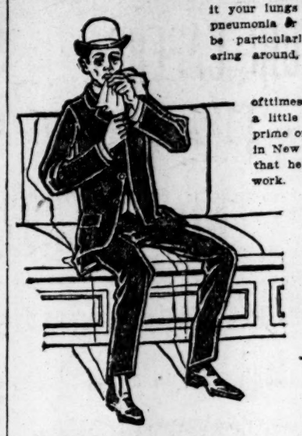
The Pope Has Given His Approval of the Terms of Settlement—The Friars Take Millions Less Than Th Formerly Asked.

Manila, December 16.—An agreement has been reached between General Taft and the friars by which the United States will acquire the friar lands for the sum of $7,210,000 gold.

The pope has given his approval of the terms of the settlement and the approval of the war department is awaited. The settlement provides for the purchase of 403,000 acres, comprising all the agricultural lands and holdings of the friars, with the exception of 12,000 acres, including a farm near Manila, which has been sold to a railroad company, and also one sugar plantation.

The friars originally asked fifteen millions. Governor Taft offered them six millions.

STOP COUGHING



You must stop that coughing at once, or before you know it your lungs will be affected and your life endangered by pneumonia or consumption. At this time of the year you must be particularly careful, as throat and lung troubles are hovering around, and

DEATH IS NEAR

ofttimes nearer than you can possibly imagine. Only a little while ago a strong, robust young man, in the prime of life, who lived at Elizabeth and did business in New York city, had a slight cough. It was so slight that he paid no attention to it, and continued his office work. In four days it went to his lungs, and he died from pneumonia within a week. Many such cases are happening every day, and every one of them can be

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And say my prayers and cry,
And mean next day to be so good
I can't just wait to try.

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Georgia and Alabama Members Will Gather at Columbus.

Columbus, Ga., December 16.—(Special)—Preparations are being made by the local members of the fraternity for the annual convention of the new province Epsilon of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, embracing the states of Georgia and Alabama, in Columbus December 31 and January 1.

There will be a dance and reception in honor of the visitors at the Muscogee Club on the evening of the 31st. A banquet will be given at the Racine on the evening of the 1st.

The sessions of the fraternity will, of course, be secret. There are quite a number of the alumni in Columbus and they recently organized into an association.

CHILD HORRIBLY BURNED

Five-Year-Old Girl of Augusta Left Alone by Mother, Went Too Near the Hearth and Her Clothing Caught Fire.

Augusta, Ga., December 16.—(Special.) Augusta had another fire tragedy today in the probably fatal burning of little Corinne Scott, at 1136 Fenwick street.

It is the usual story. The child's mother went out of the room and left her 5-year-old daughter alone.

Attracted by screams of terror and pain she rushed back to find the child's clothing enveloped in flames. Before they were extinguished the little body on the right side and back were burned to a crisp. The face escaped, but it is not believed the child can survive.

This is the fourth case of the kind within a week.

Negro Girl Burned to Death.

Moultrie, Ga., December 16.—(Special.) Bessie Taylor, a negro girl employed in the house of W. E. Aycock, was burned to death today. She was burning trash in the yard when her clothing caught on fire and before the flames could be extinguished she was so horribly burned that death resulted in short time.

While her clothing was in blaze she ran in the house and set it on fire, and it looked for a time as if the house would be destroyed.

Train Hand Loses Foot.

Crawfordville, Ga., December 16.—(Special.)—John Ware, a colored train hand on the way freight of the Georgia railroad, had part of his foot cut off while coupling cars here today.

HOO HOO RACKET AT BAINBRIDGE

Cancatenation of Southwestern District of Georgia Called for Thirtieth.

Bainbridge, Ga., December 16.—(Special)—A. M. Ramsey, vice regent snark of the Hoo-Hoos of the southwestern district of Georgia, has issued a call to all members of that order to gather in Bainbridge on the 30th of this month to be present at the concatination to be held here.

There will be about twenty kittens initiated and a swell banquet will be given immediately afterward at one of the hotels.

New Officers Take Places.

Macon, Ga., December 16.—(Special)—Beside Judge Freeman, during the session of police court this morning, sat Mr. Custis Nottingham, who was last night elected to succeed Judge Freeman as recorder, taking his first lesson in judicial work.

During the afternoon Mr. Nottingham appeared before Mayor Smith and, subscribed to the oath prescribed by law. Tomorrow morning he will be in position to drop into that chair which Judge Freeman has held.

At midnight a change in the active workings of the sanitary departments took place. Charles Johdon, who has been chief sanitary inspector for two years past, giving way to John C. Deitz, who was last night elected successor to Jordon.

Commission Elects December 31.

Macon, December 16.—(Special)—The Bibb board of county commissioners this afternoon designated December 31 as the date set for the election of county servants provided the citizenry of Bibb by that body.

On that day the board will elect a clerk to the county commissioners with an annual salary of $1,300; a superintendent to the Roff Home with a yearly salary of $660; a bridge keeper at $360 annually; a custodian of the county court house, his pay to be $600 a year.

In addition to the county physician, whose duties cover the alms house, jail and chaingang, the county commissioners have for two or three years past been hiring at separate compensation, a physician for the isolated hospital where contagious diseases are carried. A resolution concentrating all the work done by the physicians upon one to be elected with $1,500 salary was adopted.

Dr. Warsham has been the county physician while Dr. Gibson, one of the city physicians, has been doing the special work. Both are anxious for the place and as both are well established and popular a hard contest is anticipated.

Handle Plant for Crawfordville.

Crawfordville, Ga., December 16.—(Special.)—C. F. Golucke and M. T. Gilbert are corresponding with manufacturers of handle machinery with a view of putting in a plant of that kind here. Handles of every kind will be made.

OTIS CASTLES SHOT BY UNCLE

Both Barrels of Gun Emptied by Hubbard.

Two Great Holes Torn in Flesh of Castles' Shoulder Near Neck. Both Men Aver That It Was Accidental—May Prove Fatal.

LaGrange, Ga., December 16.—(Special.)—Otis Castles, of LaGrange, was shot and perhaps mortally wounded last night about 7 o'clock by Doc Hubbard, who lives about 8 miles from LaGrange.

The shooting occurred at the home of Mr. Hubbard and the loads from both barrels of a double-barreled shotgun took effect in the shoulder of Mr. Castles near the neck. So close to the muzzle of the gun was Mr. Castles that the shot did not scatter at all, and made two great holes in the flesh.

Both Mr. Castles and Mr. Hubbard claim that the shooting was accidental. Medical aid was summoned at once, but it was several hours before a doctor from LaGrange could be brought out to Mr. Hubbard's residence.

Mr. Castles is in a critical condition, and it is not thought that he can live. Both Castles and Hubbard are members of most excellent families, and Mr. Castles' dangerous condition is regretted by all.

Mr. Hubbard is an uncle of Mr. Castles.

Captain Wilcox Completes Map.

Macon, Ga., December 16.—(Special.)—A completed survey along with blue prints photographing the new annexed territory on Huguenin Heights, in Vineville, and on Pleasant Hill, was filed this morning with the city marshall, Captain W. B. Chapman, by the city engineer, Captain Wilcox, whose creation the map is. Some three months ago, immediately after the annexation the board of aldermen in providing for a survey of the annexed territory asked for bids by civil engineers for the work. The lowest bid submitted was something like $1,000. Under Captain Wilcox's direction the work has been done at a total cost of $475—about one-half of the lowest bid submitted by the civil engineers. If the salaries of the regular engineering department and the salary of the assistant engineer with the worth of the material used be deducted it would bring the maximum cost of the survey down to $281.40.

Americans Want War Ships.

Washington, December 16.—At the request of Minister Allen, at Seoul, who reports considerable uneasiness and rioting at Korea, the state department has suggested to the navy department that a war ship be sent to Korean waters. It is probable the Wilmington will be detailed for this purpose.



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LAWRENCEVILLE SWEPT BY FIRE

Ware House and Livery Stable Destroyed--Insurance Is Small.

Lawrenceville, Ga., December 16.—(Special.)—Lawrenceville had a disastrous fire this morning, causing a loss of $15,000.

The fire originated in the Globe ware house, where there was stored 150 bales of cotton. In one part of the building was a livery stable belonging to Johnson & Pentecost. They lost nine horses and about ten or fifteen buggies and carriages, with no insurance. The ware house people had $7,500 on cotton and $1,000 on building. This was covered by the following companies:

Hartford, $3,000; Liverpool and London and Globe, $2,500; Phenix, of Brooklyn, $1,000; Continental, $1,000; Germania, $1,000 on building.

There was no other insurance except $500 on stock of R. L. Robinson and $1,000 on News-Herald outfit. The fire destroyed the ware house and R. N. Robinson's brick building, owned by the W. E. Brown estate. W. E. Brown & Son saved part of the furniture in the Robinson building and R. L. Robinson saved part of his stock in the Branson building. The News-Herald Publishing Company lost about everything. The principal loser is the Brown estate. They had three buildings destroyed with no insurance. The fire started about 2 o'clock this morning in the ware house. The cause of the fire is unknown.

MAN MASHED TO A JELLY

Robert Carson Crushed to Death by a Great Log.

Commerce, Ga., December 16.—(Special.)—Robert Carson, son of R. H. Carson, of Ashland, Franklin county, was the victim of a fatal accident yesterday evening.

He was running a saw mill near Stranges low ground, in Franklin county. The log yard was on a hillside near the saw mill. While he was at work on the yard, he saw one of the logs rolling toward him. In an effort to stop the log, he was thrown to the ground, falling with his breast on a stump. The log passed over his body, mashing it almost into a jelly and breaking his arms, legs and other bones.

He was about thirty years of age and married the daughter of James L. Cason, of Atlanta, and his wife and four little children were in Atlanta at the time of his death.

TO SELL TENNILLE MILLS

Judge Evans, of Washington Superior Court, Names Judge Burwell and Dr. Smith as Coreceivers and Orders Sale of Property.

Sandersville, Ga., December 16.—(Special.)—The Tennille cotton mills is in the hands of a receiver for the second time. Some time ago a bill was filed in the United States court by the bondholders, praying a foreclosure of their mortgage and the appointment of a receiver to sell the property. Under a decree rendered in the federal court the mills were sold and bought in by a syndicate composed of about 90 per cent of the bondholders.

A pooling arrangement was entered into and Judge A. Burwell, of Charlotte, N. C., was named as trustee for the syndicate. Judge Burwell, as trustee, sold the mill properties to a Mr. Burton, of South Carolina, for the sum of $45,000. Some of the bondholders thought this price was too small (the original price which the mills cost having been about $110,000), and filed a bill in the superior court of Washington county to vacate the sale.

Prior to the hearing Mr. Burton and Judge Burwell rescinded the sale, Mr. Burton paying $5,000 to be released from his bargain. In the hearing before Judge Evans at Sandersville, the minority bondholders insisted that by the terms of the pooling arrangement Judge Burwell's duties as trustee ended with the purchase of the property and as there was great expense attending the keeping of the property and the plaintiffs desired a partition, a receivership was asked for. The majority bondholders insisted that Judge Burwell, by the terms of the pooling arrangement had the right to resell the property.

Judge Evans held that Judge Burwell's duties as trustee ended when he purchased the property and appointed Judge Burwell, and also Dr. C. V. Smith, the latter of Tennille, Ga., as co-receivers to manage and preserve the property and to sell the same under the approval and supervision of the court.

The mills were erected some three years ago at a cost of about $110,000 and since that time have never been operated at all. They are lying idle at Tennille and have been since their erection, though it is stated that it is a well equipped, entirely new and well located plant.

The property will be advertised by the coreceivers and the same will be sold by them at private sale, the price of the purchase to be approved by Judge Evans.

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VAGRANCY LAWS HELPING SOUTH

Idle Negro Being Eliminated, Says President Williams.

Seaboard's Executive Says That Vagrancy Laws of Georgia and Alabama Are Working Well. Outlook for the South Is Good.

Richmond, Va., December 16.—President John Skelton Williams, of the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company, returned to the city today after a two weeks' inspection trip over the company's lines in Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Alabama. Mr. Williams was accompanied on the inspection trip by Directors James A. Blair, of New York, and T. Jefferson Coolidge, Jr., of Boston, and part of the time by Thomas F. Ryan, of New York.

This afternoon Mr. Williams gave out an interview, in which, after speaking most enthusiastically of the business, banking, industrial and agricultural conditions in the south, he said the vagrancy laws of Georgia and Alabama "are rapidly eliminating the idle negro and converting him into a useful member of society. They have helped the Seaboard Air Line railway in its construction work and our contractors have been able to keep themselves pretty well supplied with labor.

"Everywhere in the south the opening of the isthmian canal is looked earnestly forward to and it should not be long after the opening of this canal when the southern states, with their magnificent ports, must attract the commerce of the world."

WHITECAPPERS ARE HIT HARD

Given Extreme Penalty by Supreme Court of Louisiana.

New York, December 16.—The Louisiana supreme court has given damages according to a dispatch received here from New Orleans, in the sum of $5,000 to Peter Warner, Reuben Brown and Edward Warner, against thirty citizens of Dodson, Winn parish, who had whitecapped them in an effort to secure information as to the author of several incendiary fires recently.

The jury in the district court gave each of the victims $500. This was increased tenfold by the supreme court, which declared that the action of the whitecappers in refusing to await hearing in the fire cases by the grand jury, reduced the community of which they professed to be the representatives to the level of lawlessness and ignorant horde of savages. It is believed the decision will break up whitecapping in Louisiana.

Jones Made General Agent.

Macon, Ga., December 16.—(Special.)—L. W. James, who has been chief clerk to E. E. Williamson, traffic manager of the Macon, Dublin and Savannah railroad, has been made general agent of the road in Macon. Mr. James succeeds C. P. Lewis, who has been appointed general agent of the Macon, Dublin and Savannah at Nashville, Tenn., whither he has gone to open an office for the Macon, Dublin and Savannah. H. L. Boyer, by the same order, becomes chief clerk to the traffic manager. Mr. Boyer has been chief clerk to the commercial agent in Savannah.

Big Interest in Baseball.

Macon, Ga., December 16.—(Special.)—The average baseball enthusiast here is now taking an interest in the formation of the ball team which will wear the Macon uniform in the South Atlantic League the coming season. The owners of the franchise here have engaged W. A. Smith, of Knoxville, Tenn., as manager and have given him full and complete authority to select a winning team.

Mayor Working on Committees.

Macon, Ga., December 16.—(Special.)—During the day Mayor Smith has been devoting his time and giving his attention to the formation of the standing committees of the board of aldermen for the coming year.

And his work is not half completed, so tedious and reviewing is it.

Of course, Mayor Smith has not taken any one into his confidence upon this subject, and the probabilities are that the composition of these committees will remain unknown until he makes an official announcement at the regular meeting of the board Tuesday night next. The standing committees of 1903 were happy selections and during the year each department was conducted with an ease that showed the complete absence of any friction whatever. In city hall circles there appears an abiding faith—but just what that faith is based upon no one appears to know—that the changes announced Tuesday night next will be rare. The mayor has exactly the same material for the coming year as he had last year.

Upson Planter Bound Over.

Macon, Ga., December 16.—(Special.)—Andrew Self, an Upson county planter, was this morning arraigned before United States Commissioner L. M. Erwin, charged with illicit distilling and was bound over to the federal courts in the sum of $200. Revenue officers last night made a descent upon Self at his home in Upson county and caught him red handed. Self was in the act of putting barrels of beer through its final process when the officers swooped down upon him. Self made the necessary bond and returned to his home. The officers destroyed a 45-gallon still and several barrels of beer.

Suit Against Georgia Southern.

Macon, Ga., December 16.—(Special.)—Through his attorneys, John Cooper and Marion Harris, Syman Hicks this morning filed suit in the Macon city court against the Georgia Southern and Florida railroad for $10,000, claiming that he had been damaged to that extent by the road through the negligence of its employees.

"PE-RU-NA RESTORES HEALTH AND VIGOR

Writes Mrs. Dr. Edwards, of Iowa.

An Interesting Letter From a Thankful Woman



MRS. DOCTOR HARRIET EDWARDS.

Most of the Ailments Peculiar to the Female Sex Are Due to Catarrh of Pelvic Organs.

Mrs. Harriet R. Edwards, 1015 Brady St., Davenport, Iowa, writes concerning Peruna:

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Peruna has cured thousands of cases of female weakness. As a rule, however, before Peruna is resorted to, several other remedies have been tried in vain. A great many of the patients have taken local treatment, submitted themselves to surgical operations, and taken all sorts of doctor's stuff, without any result.

The reason of so many failures is the fact that diseases peculiar to the female sex are not commonly recognized as being caused by catarrh. These organs are lined by mucous membranes. Any mucous membrane is subject to catarrh.

FEMALE TROUBLE NOT RECOGNIZED AS CATARRH.

Catarrh of one organ is exactly the same as catarrh of any other organ. What will cure catarrh of the head will also cure catarrh of the pelvic organs. Peruna cures these cases simply because it cures the catarrh.

Most of the women afflicted with pelvic diseases have no idea that their trouble is due to catarrh. The majority of the people think that catarrh is a disease confined to the head alone.

This is not true. Catarrh is liable to attack any organ of the body; throat, bronchial tubes, lungs, stomach, kidneys and especially the pelvic organs.

Many a woman has made this discovery after a long siege of useless treatment. She has made the discovery that her disease is catarrh, and that Peruna can be relied upon to cure catarrh wherever located.

Mrs. Judge McAllister writes from 1217 West Twenty-third street, Minneapolis, Minn., as follows:

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"I took Peruna faithfully for seven weeks and am happy indeed to be able to say that I am entirely cured. Perfect health once more is the best thing I could wish for, and thanks to Peruna I enjoy that now."—Minnie E. McAllister.

If you do not receive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peruna, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case, and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis.

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SAVANNAH TO RAISE PART

Forest City Gives Assurance of Contributing Her Share Toward $50,000 for Georgia Display at Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

Savannah, December 16.—(Special)—Dudley M. Hughes, Hugh V. Washington and Glascock Barrett met several of the leading business men of Savannah this morning, Mayor Myers and J. H. Estell among them, and it was agreed that Savannah would raise her pro rata of the $50,000 fund for a Georgia building at the St. Louis exposition.

Mayor Myers and Colonel Estell will at once take steps to secure the Savannah end of the fund.

VIENNA IS SWEPT BY FIRE.

Dooly County Town Experiences Loss Reaching Thousands.

Vienna, Ga., December 16.—(Special.)—The second disastrous conflagration to visit Vienna in a week occurred tonight. The fire burned from McDonald's ware house down Union street to the store of A. J. Leonard. The losses estimated of the W. L. McDonald Furniture Company are $2,000; insurance unknown; G. R. Mathews, $600; no insurance; P. G. McDonald, merchandise, $1,000; insurance unknown; three brick stores owned by P. G. McDonald, valued at $3,000.

The hard work of the fire department and a fire wall saved the entire block, including the corner of Third and Union streets.

Mrs. Mary Washington, Huntsville.

Huntsville, Ala., December 16.—(Special.)—Mrs. Mary Washington died yesterday, aged 45 years. The funeral was conducted by Rev. B. G. Mitchell.

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Other silk suspenders; solids, stripes and figures, **$1.00**

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Smoot "stays sot."

Boston stands by Pat.

Seoul is on the brink of Sheol.

Democratic means equitable reciprocity.

The boll weevil in Texas means successive seasons of high cotton.

Colonel Bryan is meditating over the line of Napoleon's retreat from Moscow.

Teddy to the National Negro Suffrage League of the United States: "Et tu, Brute?"

Military department of the gulf, headquarters at Atlanta. Couldn't have been otherwise.

He who haggles is lost.—(Revised version for democratic consideration at Washington.)

The Constitution again to the senate minority, apropos of Panama: "Gentlemen, it is l-o-a-d-e-d!"

Well, a democratic administration, just a little more than a year hence, will see that the rural free delivery pie is cut more equally.

The cruiser Atlanta does honor to its namesake; the ocean liner City of Atlanta would do Atlanta even more appropriate honor.

There is no republican patent on progressive Americanism. Dig the Panama canal, and dig it with enthusiastic democratic cooperation.

The Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune has not subsided. It again rises to ask: "Is Roosevelt as big as we think he is?" As who thinks he is?

Senator Hanna is not a candidate; he believes in letting the office seek the man; but it will be no hide-and-seek game on his part.

The Panama canal has wrecked national fortunes and national honor. It is capable of wrecking the democratic party, once made a party issue.

Why did Germany recognize the Republic of Panama? Not from a sinister motive, but because Panaman independence is valid and incontrovertible.

Spain has a treasury surplus of $60,000,000. The loss of her colonies and that $20,000,000 nest egg we gave her was the making of the decadent old kingdom.

If the Atlanta policeman is inhibited by the police commissioners from accepting or helping himself to "courtesies" from business stands on his beat, life will be brighter for the dago of the "banan."

Having disposed of the model city exhibit at the world's fair, now let Atlanta whirl in and dispose of the McKinley memorial in a way creditable to her public spirit. 'Tis hanging fire in a way not at all Atlantan.

Chamberlain's preferential policy is going to give the stand-patters of the United States something worse than Cuban reciprocity to worry over, and that at no very remote date, if political straws in the United Kingdom count for anything.

As an abstract proposition there can not be a scintilla of partisanship in the Panama situation. Such concrete objections as democrats are inclined to make political capital of should not for a moment be allowed to commit the party to a policy of obstruction.

The masher problem has invaded the south. A colored belle in Staunton, Va., being insolently accosted by a strange dude on the street, went down into her stocking for her trusty "razzer" and carved a map of Africa on his ebony phiz.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch celebrates its twenty-fifth anniversary by the issuance of one of the largest and finest special numbers ever known to newspaperdom. It not only reflects great credit upon the enterprise and capacity of a truly metropolitan paper, but mirrors the progress and importance of the world's fair city in a strikingly impressive way.

THE CANAL AS A PARTY ISSUE.

The proceedings in the senate democratic caucus on Tuesday reveal a situation that needs to be dealt with in no uncertain way. On the question of binding democratic senators to any measure as a party issue, the requirement being the concurrenec of two-thirds of such senators, which is twenty-two, the vote was nearly unanimous. That action is not out of accord with traditional party discipline.

On the question of making opposition to the ratification of the Panama canal treaty a party duty, binding on all democratic senators, there were eleven of the twent-y-six senators present who voted against a resolution to consider the question in caucus at all. These eleven are one-third of the full caucus and if there is no other democratic senator like-minded with them they will be outvoted and united democratic opposition to the Panama treaty will be forced as a paramount party duty.

Nothing we can conceive of at this junctiure could be more calamitous to the democratic party of the nation than to have its representatives in the senate take that action The Panama canal matter is not a party issue, but a great and world-wide commercial issue whose realization has already been too long delayed. The greater part of the civilized world applauds the present status of the canal question as produced by the Panama secession and the recognition of the Panaman republic by the United States, with the negotiation of the treaty now offered for ratification.

The simplest observer of popular tempers in this country cannot mistake how the American people feel about this matter. They approve what has been done to date, they want and mean to have that canal, and they will visit their wrath upon whatever man or party may defeat their wishes. The defeat of the treaty would simply delay the canal and enrage the people. That defeat would be fatuous and fatal to the popularity of the party producing it. It would give no prestige to the democracy, but would give to the republicans the largest and best issue against the democracy that current political conditions could afford them.

There is no use here to go over the history of the Panaman proceedings. They are accomplished facts and facts must be dealt with candidly. They cannot be dodged or eluded. And the critical question with the democratic senators now should be what good can be done by opposing and, if possible, defeating the Panama treaty?

If they think it wise to put the democratic party in opposition to the popular desires of the vast majority of the nation, then they will vote to oppose the treaty.

If they think it wise, in the face of the waning commerce abroad of the nation, to delay the canal until the republican party can take full control of it and credit for its construction, and so lose the historic vantage of our party on this great matter, they will vote to oppose the treaty.

If they wish to destroy utterly the rising hopes of the entire south to improve their industrial and manufacturing export trade with south Pacific and Oriental markets, and so turn us over completely to the commercial policies and dominion of the eastern section of the country, they will vote to oppose the treaty.

If they wish to send the defeated treaty to the country in the hands of the republicans, crying: "Behold, with all our sins of graft and loot, we did not assassinate this thing! Trust to Roosevelt and to us and we will revive and establish it!" and so win a hands-down victory over the democracy, they will vote to oppose the treaty.

Senators Bacon and Clay are to be commended strongly for their determined opposition to the making of this purely business question a caucus party issue. The senators from Florida, from North Carolina, from Arkansas and from Louisiana are equally united and courgeous against such action. Senator Cockrell, of Missouri, must also be included for praise because he resists the dangerous proposition to commit the democracy to the defeat of the treaty.

But where are the other southern senators whose states and peoples are as profoundly interested as any of their sister states of the gulf and seaboard in this great international highway? Surely, they will not enter into the folly of making the democratic party the enemy of the canal!

To the senators who are fighting against the erection of the treaty question into a party issue The Constitution sends its encouragement and urges them to persist, to persuade their colleagues and in every possible legitimate way endeavor to defeat the amazing policy of committing our party to the rejection of the treaty and the further complication of the canal question.

They will do a patriotic service to the country, they will do a splendid defense work for the democratic party, they will become immense benefactors of the future prosperities of the south, if they can make good in their fight and keep this canal question wholly aloof from party politics.

The event of the caucus over this matter will have an enormous effect upon the future hopes and chances of the democratic party. The occasion is a supreme one when the best interests of the country should be the prime concern of the party!

Fair Play and No Bushwhacking.

Leading newspapers of the country are already beginning to seriously discuss the availables in the democratic ranks to make the race against Mr. Roosevelt next year. The one paper that has gone farthest in this speculation, perhaps, is the independent Boston Herald. Just at this time The Herald shows a desire to see the democratic party make such a nomination as will rally the majority of the country against the Rough Rider.

Unless the democrats do find a proper man, that ideal democrat whose record sounds true to every traditional democratic faith and whose personality is a guaranty in itself that he will satisfy every requirement of modern American conservatism, The Herald sees the sure success of the spectacular young Cromwell who is now lording it over parties and people from the white house.

But The Herald is singularly infelicitous in aiding the democrats when it begins its intervention by firing upon the chief leader of the democrats in the present hour from an ambushed position. Without calling his name, The Herald depreciates with all its ingenuity the clams and qualifications of Senator Gorman. It counts him as an absolutely impossible candidate for the presidency if the object of the democrats is to secure the presidency next year.

As yet we do not know of anybody, unless it be Senator Gorman himself, who does know whether he has any desire or intention to be considered a candidate for the democratic presidential nomination next year. If he is such candidate we are sure that the democrats of the national convention will give to his availability such fair and grateful consideration as the party's best interests may warrant. If he is not a candidate he alone is the proper judge of when and how to say so.

Senator Gorman is well known to the democrats of the nation. They know the things he has done that deserve their praise and gratitude; they know the things he has done that he ought not, perhaps, to have done, and the things he has omitted to do that he might have done, according to their desire, but they are not yet willing to join The Herald in declaring that "there is no health in him."

If The Herald sincerely desires to help the democrats find a winner it will cease to attack any possible candidate and confine itself to pointing out the best things the democracy needs to do and to embody in the candidate the convention will select. We do not doubt the party will choose wisely, in which case The Herald should be satisfied and whirl in with us to carry him to victory.

Mr. Knox and the Merger Case.

The argument made by Attorney General Knox in the Northern Securities Company case now before the supreme court of the United States seems to have lacked nothing in legal perspicacity and earnest contention for the enforcement of the anti-trust law of the nation.

The case has been long in reaching a hearing before the court, but the fact is probably due to the routine of the tribunal. But now that it is pending on open hearing, the case of the people, prosecuted by the attorney general, appears to be an invincible one.

It does not require even a legally trained mind to comprehend the full import and strength of the argument made by Mr. Knox. His definitions of trusts, of competition, and of the methods by which restraint of interstate commerce on equitable terms is accomplished are so plain that the simplest layman can comprehend them. Undoubtedly there will be ingenious and plausible arguments opposed to the contentions of the attorney general by the strong and shrewd lawyers engaged by the railway merger people who are the defendants. But it scarcely seems possible that they will be able to overcome the testimony, history and precedents of law which so convincingly distinguish the case as presented by the attorney general.

Mr. Knox has contended from the first, before the president and the public, notably in his famous Pittsburg spech of a year ago, that no further legislation, either by congress or by amendment of the constitution is necessary for the prevention and destruction of criminal and harmful trusts. He relied upon the decision of the supreme court in the trans-Missouri case and in the joint traffic association case, the gist of which decisions is that "the act which voids vicious transportation contracts is valid," and if valid in such cases, because it aims to prevent combinations in restraint of trade, it is valid as to all other combinations that have such end or effect in view.

It must be fairly conceded that Mr. Knox has made himself master of his interpretation of the existng law as thus construed by the supreme court and has made good on it in an argument notable for its clarity and compelling logic. If the supreme court holds with him in the case now at bar, which is a crucial test case, then the way will be clear before him to prosecute and dissolve, or enjoin, any of the trusts that unlawfully oppress the people by destroying competition and restraining free commerce within the nation. The winning of the case, therefore, will be but the beginning of a great responsibility and duty to the people.

A Prophet of Failing Figures.

The average newspaper and Congressional Record reader would consider it rank arithmetical heresy for any one to question the accuracy of computations having on them the remark of Hon. Charley Grosvenor, congressman from Ohio and prophet plenipotentiary of the republican party.

Still, there was a person on the floor of the house the other day who jumped on Uncle Charley's abracadabra and made the buttons on it look like treinte centavos. He rushed the dear old man into a nine-hole and left him there covered with confusion and a large pile of the Ohioan's undigested calculations.

And just to show that it is the rule to kick the fellow who is down, it is again pointed out by another irreverent rooster that Uncle Charley has made another mistake in claiming that "the republicans can carry the country easily without New York." The figures of the presidential elections since 1876, when the Hayes-Tilden robbery was perpetrated, show that New York state has been necessary to every presidential candidate of either party who has had a majority in the electoral college. Here is another good chance, then, for Uncle Charley to rise to a question of personal privilege and explain his arithmetical abberations.

The Coming o. General Hains.

The establishment of the military department of the south, with headquarters in Atlanta, is scarcely more gratifying than the assignment of Brigadier General Peter C. Hains to its command.

General Hains is one of the oldest and most experienced engineer officers in the American army and is distinguished for his military and scientific abilities. He has served with distinction in all the capacities of an officer, was in Cuba and in Porto Rico, and has been one of the engineer commissioners of the United States in the preliminary work of surveying and negotiating isthmian canal details in Panama and Nicaragua.

Because of his engineering experience and his thorough knowledge of the countries and the subjects south of us, with which we may have military business, General Hains is a most happy choice to command this department. He knows how to exactly prepare and equip any expedition to Panama, Colombia, or else where that might be ordered out of this department.

Here in Atlanta he will find a most cordial welcome. Because he is a man who studies and appreciates military engineering works he will be, we doubt not, quite prepared to sympathize with our desires to have a great military park near the city, with the work of building a military road from Fort McPherson to the Waco rifle range, and with the necessary enlargements and improvements of Fort McPherson itself.

For these reasons, in part, and because he is personally a most excellent and affable soldier, General Hains will find his welcome to our city lacking nothing in heartiness and hospitality. And once he becomes innoculated with the Atlanta spirit he will become Atlantan enough to want to make this headquarters and his whole department second to none in importance, equipment and efficiency.

USED THE MAILS TO SWINDLE.

Couple of Chicago Sharpers Have Been Convicted.

Chicago, December 16.—Julius M. Nisson and Arthur J. Herbst were today found guilty of using the United States mails to defraud. Nisson and Herbst conducted business under the name of the Western Supply Company and had offices on Dearborn street. The company, whose business name was used by Nisson and Herbst occupies a large building on Randolph street. The two men corresponded with firms throughout the United States and ordered goods shipped to the Dearborn street office, which were reshipped to New York and disposed of. The aggregate amount of the losses of the victims is about $30,000.

DEPUTY SHERIFF SHOT DEAD.

Reeves Wouldn't Stand for Serving of a Warrant.

Riverhead, L. I., December 16.—William Rafford, a deputy sheriff and warden of the county jail here for more than fifteen years, was shot dead today by A. Tuttle Reeves at Aquebogue, a village 3 miles from here. Rafford had gone to serve an execution upon Reeves, who has for years had the reputation of being very eccentric. The murderer dragged the body out of the house, barricaded the doors and windows and armed with a double-barreled shotgun, proposed to resist arrest.

They Are Going to Cuba.

Mobile, Ala., December 16.—A party of about 20 persons from South Dakota, Iowa, Michigan, and Illinois, have reached Mobile en route to Cuba, where they have purchased 24,000 acres of grazing land and 48,000 acres of timber land in Puerto Principe province. They will locate there.

Bushnell's Shortage Grows.

New Haven, Conn., December 16.—An additional shortage of $2,000, making a total thus far known of $17,000, has been discovered in the accounts of Asa C. Bushnell, the cashier of the Yale national bank, who committed suicide yesterday.

"JUST FROM GEORGIA."

The Salvation Army.

(Now taking up collections on the streets to feed the poor of the city at Christmas.)

I.

"Keep the pot a-boilin' " for the Army fellers—they
Whose regiments are marchin' in the Halleluia way!
The captains and the comrades—all embattled for the fray,—
"Keep the pot a-boilin' " for the Army!

II.

"Keep the pot a-boilin' " for the Army fellers,—lo!
They tread the trackless deserts—they climb the Alps of snow!
Upon the path of Poverty they train God's flowers to grow,—
"Keep the pot a-boilin' " for the Army!

III.

Starved lips cry "Blessing on them!"—they kneel beneath God's skies
Near the hovels of the wretched, where the world its love denies;
And the light of Hope falls splendid on the dim, despairing eyes,—
"Keep the pot a-boilin' " for the Army!

IV.

"Keep the pot a-boilin' " for the Army fellers fine,
In the white way of Salvation, with the brave brigades in line!
Humanity the watchword, and Love the countersign—
"Keep the pot a-boilin' " for the Army!

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"De li'l' Tin Ho'n is so popular," says Brother Dickey, "dat many er de angels up yander would be willin' ter swap dey wings fer one!"

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Some Time.

Sometime—sometime things is gwine ter be
Better fer de country, en' better, too, fer me;
Dar'll be turkeys on de hen roos' en 'possums up de tree,
En we'll all sing glory in de mawnin'!
Sometime—sometime—storm a-blowin' high,
De clouds'll cry dey eye out, en de wind will push 'em by,
En we'll see a purty rainbow des a-runnin' roun' de sky,
En we'll all sing glory in de mawnin'!

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Enterprising Author.

"What are the prospects for your new book?"

"Splendid! Five critics board at my house, and I don't charge 'em a cent!"

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Get on the Halleluia side, and if you can't shout "Halleluia!" say "Amen!" when the other fellow does.

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Where the Old Man Came In.

"Well, what's the outlook for Christmas?"

"First class! Every member of the family expects to have a high old time!"

"And—the old man?"

"Oh, well,—he's so queer, that nobody expects much of him. Why, he even grumbles when he has to pay the bills!"

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Mister Sunshine.

Come out, Mister Sunshine—
Dat de way ter do!
Winter time is Summer
W'en we sees de face er you!

Light up all
De hill en plain:
Chris'mus time
Too sweet fer rain!

Come out, Mister Sunshine—
Light de worl' along!
Call on Mister Mockin'bird
Ter help you, wid a song!

Light up all
De hill en plain:
Chris'mus time
Too sweet fer rain!

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Hearing that a man who had eloped with his mother in law had committed suicide, Brother Dickey observed: "Well, dat must er made a great stir in de lunatic asylum!"

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The Colonel.

"De colonel only gits full every Chris'mus."

"My, my! En so many days in de year, too!"

"Yes; but in de meantime he's gittin' his system in good condition ter git full!"

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Poets who don't know the times and the seasons of the great magazine editors, will be surprised to learn that the Christmas magazines were made up last June, and that the Fourth o' July numbers will soon be on the press.

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The Happy Day.

Here he come—de Happy Day—
Do' behin' him slam!
W'en I sees him come my way
Drink ter him my dram!
(Only trouble is, you know, jug is gittin' mighty low!)

Walk in, Mister Happy Day—
Take de house, en all!
Drinked yo' health along de way—
Summertime to fall!
(Only trouble is, you know, jug is gittin' mighty low!)

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"W'en I hears a man prophesyin' trouble in holiday weather," says Brother Dickey, "I feels lak wishin' dat ever' li'l' chile in de country could get a armful er roses en pelt de ole sinner out er it!"

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Ruling Passion.

"De cap'n walks 'long mighty stoop-shouldered now."

"Never you min' dat;—he still take his whisky straight!"

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Over twenty new books on "The Devil" this Christmas season—and so many of us knew him so well before!

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Hands Round!

If our troubles be not less
On the rocky way,
Hands all 'round for Happiness—
If only for a day!

F. L. S.

General Gordon at Gaffney.

Gaffney, S. C., December 16.—(Special.) General John B. Gordon delivered his famous lecture on "The First Days of the Confederacy," in the theater building here last night. General Gordon arrived on the 8:45 train last night from Atlanta and went direct to the theater.

A COUNTRYMAN IN TOWN.

By a New Reporter.

I NEVER knew till today that the office furnished street car fare—when the city editor gave me mine and told me to go, I was not long in striking the car I wanted.

Of course I would choose the longest rides first. I hesitated between East Point, the river, or Decatur—I took Decatur. I was glad I had chosen that route before I arrived at my car, for amid the rush and push at Silverman's corner, I saw something that made me feel kindlier of the world, especially kindlier of the police of the city.

It was just an incident that pointed the kind heart that beats back of these stern faces and blue coats. A gawky 16-year-old boy was leading a woman that any one would have known as his mother, and any one would have known at once that neither of them were familiar with city affairs—the first thing I learned about them was, in their own words, that they were "from Alabam, and had never been in no town before, but Talapoosa."

I don't know what for a town Talapoosa is, but I do know that both mother and son were bewildered at this crossing, and there is where the big policeman came in.

The mother was blind, that is the story, and she had come all the way from "Alabam" to be treated by an oculist. When they got in the push at the crossing, they lost their heads. A car was coming in from Peachtree and while the boy was watching this, one came from Whitehall, the sharp ringing of the bells only confused the more, for he turned and another car was coming from Decatur street, and draymen were lashing their teams, bicycles were dodging in and out, while the crowd was jostling each other in their rush to get along in that swift Atlanta way.

Gently, but firmly, the big policeman gathered both mother and son by the arms, and quietly he stood them on the Norcross corner out of danger. Perhaps he deserved no credit for this—it might have been his simple duty, and it was, but the manner of his doing the thing, the look of sympathy that came to his face and the mellowing of his voice as he asked them where they wanted to go.

"They did not know."

The mother's face was so far back in an old sunbonnet that it had not been noticed that she wore a bandage over her eyes—the poor thing was blind.

When the big policeman discovered this such a change came over the man and such a tender attention was bestowed upon them that it made me think better of the whole world and police in particular.

The lady had the address of the oculist she wanted to find, but where was it—there came more trouble. She had put the address with her money, securely wrapped it in a rag, and then stored it away in the bosom of her dress. The trouble was that she had stored these things too deep down in her bosom, they were beneath more garments than one, and it was soon apparent that in the interest of modesty she must have a private room to get at the address so much desired.

There is where the big policeman did more than just what his simple duty demanded. He wrote a note to the hotel clerk and explained the matter, asked that she be given a room and the expenses, if any, charged to him, the big policeman. Then he called a chambermaid and sent the son and mother away, with the understanding that they be returned to him as soon as the address was secured.

All of this was accomplished, and the story might end here, but I cannot resist making the kind act known of the big policeman calling a hack and paying the bill out of his own pocket to place the lady in the office of Dr. Calhoun.

So soon as the blind lady left in the hack I left and boarded the car for Decatur. We scooted along the straight stretch out Auburn avenue, whirled around a quick curve into the Decatur road and entered the beautiful stretch dotted with lawns and pleasing landscapes. All along this route, where the imposing country villa with vast lawns, is absent, there are pleasing cottage homes where all the graces of domestic life seem to spread its charms like witchery from cottage to cottage.

Cars stop often along this route to let off a class of people whom everyone is sorry at their going and a halo of sunshine enters the car at their coming. Street car men tell me that there is the least assumption along this route of any they travel—men and women are simple, clever, the highest type of gentility, a blessing to the world and a joy to street car men.

But with all that is good in favor of the people along this line, once in a while a fellow slips in who chews his tobacco and will insist upon spitting on the floor of the car—the street car men know these and designate them as "our hogs." When you hear a conductor say to a motorman, "Good day for killing hogs," look on the floor of the car and you will see puddles of tobacco juice. If you would resent being designated as a hog, Mr. Tobacco, don't spit in these cars, for they sure think you a hog when you do it.

Besides these "spitters," there are a few who cause a shadow of anxiety to flit across the face of the conductor as they enter, but they are few, and echo answers, "Thank the Lord."

If you will notice the class who create this anxiety you are more than apt to see some fellow whose good luck or something else has lifted them to pinnacles of financial prestige and hence into a social position that they are in no way suited to fill. Such people are "loud" in their demands, "loud" in dress, "loud" in perfume and are a terror to the poor street car conductor.

Such people may fool themselves, but they never fool the smart street car man. Through all their finery and amid all their luxury there will appear to the car man a supercilious assumption that is never found in truly genteel people, and which cannot be concealed by fine clothes or the sparkle of jewels. These are the people the otfenest ready to complain in a way to have conductors "fired," and nine times out of ten their grievances are born of their own egotism. This is the street car man's side of it.

On my return trip I met with a badly burned little boy, being carried to the hospital in Atlanta, and I learned things in connection with this little fellow that again made me feel that the world is much better than it gets credit for being.

Mrs. Parker, as the story goes, is a widow lady living in the neighborhood of Panthersville—her husband died last year and she has had a general run of bad luck since.

This little burnt boy is the son of this Mrs. Parker. He was playing with an older brother and running backwards in playful glee, he tumbled into the boiling washpot—that is the story of the scalding, and it was very severe.

Now comes the good part. A good lady of Atlanta, Mrs. Sam McGill, learned of the boy's condition and she proposed to the gentlemen present that if they would see to the getting of the boy to Atlanta that she would go ahead and make arrangements at the hospital, paying all the expenses herself.

Of course there was a man for such an emergency and Dr. J. L. Johnson, DeKalb county's treasurer, was soon on the way to the home of Mrs. Parker, put the boy upon pillows, took him in his arms and was holding him when I saw them on the street car.

It doesn't take long to tell such a story as this, but it is the best of human nature, the best of life, and why not tell the good things as well as the bad?

LINDSEY HAS FIXED DATES FOR PAYMENT OF PENSIONS

PENSION COMMISSONER J. W. LINDSEY yesterday completed his list of dates on which payment of pensions for 1904 will be made. He will begin paying pensions January 20 and will complete the work by March 2, paying within less than six weeks nearly 15,000 pensioners.

It will require four days to pay all the pensioners of Fulton county, there being more than 1,000 of them here. The payments to pensioners in Fulton county will be made as follows:

January 20—Indigent soldiers, of whom there are 430.

January 21—Disabled soldiers, of whom there are 200.

January 22—Indigent widows, of whom there are 200.

January 23—Old class of widows, of whom there are 200.

Payments to pensioners in other counties, the number in each county being given, will be made as follows:

January 25—Cobb, 300; Clayton, 80; DeKalb 570.

January 26—Gwinnett, $250; Henry, $220.

January 27—Milton, 75; Campbell, 110; Fayette, 168.

January 28—Spalding, 170; Monroe, 150; Butts, 150.

January 29—Bibb, 315; Jones, 100; Wilkinson, 55; Baldwin, 80.

February 1—Washington 130; Johnson, 210; Jefferson 90; Chatham, 85; Tattnall, 60; Worth, 109.

February 2—Jasper, 110; Upson, 75; Oglethorpe, 140; Elbert, 150.

February 3—Habersham, 220; Franklin, 215; Madison, 120.

February 4—Banks, 235; Jackson, 190; Hall, 190.

February 5—McDuffie, 70; Richmond, 250; Pickens, 80; Greene, 90; Hart, 160.

February 8—Gordon, 160; Walton, 290; Rockdale, 85.

February 9—Polk, 115; Bartow, 190; Floyd, 235.

February 10—Wilcox, 70; Muscogee, 190; Heard, 150; Pike, 170.

February 11—Coweta, 295; Carroll, 295.

February 12—Douglas, 90; Haralson, 150; Paulding, 145; Meriwether, 180.

February 15—Twiggs, 95; Crawford, 70; Laurens, 125; Putnam, 90; Morgan, 90; Hancock, 70.

February 16—Columbia, 70; Warren, 72; Taliaferro, 52; Glascock, 70; Lincoln, 50; McIntosh, 15; Appling, 50.

February 16—Wayne, 35; Pierce, 35; Camden, 10; Glynn, 15.

February 17—Liberty, 35; Effingham, 35; Bulloch, 60; Screven, 50; Emanuel, 60; Burke, 70; Ware, 70; Charlton, 16; Echols, 16; Clinch, 35; Lowndes, 75; Bryan, 30.

February 18—Berrien, 90; Coffee, 50; Montgomery, 70; Telfair, 55; Irwin, 40; Brooks, 65; Colquitt, 75; Thomas, 105.

February 19—Murray, 110; Whitfield, 100; Catoosa, 32; Dade, 20; Walker, 65; Chattooga, 105; Mitchell, 105.

February 23—Fannin, 80; Gilmer, 82; Towns, 35; Union, 65; Rabun, 80; White, 75; Lumpkin, 85.

February 24—Wilkes, 100; Clarke, 110; Dawson, 75; Forsyth, 130; Cherokee, 100.

February 25—Decatur, 95; Miller, 50; Baker, 30; Early, 55; Dougherty, 27; Calhoun, 40; Clay, 30; Lee, 25; Terrell, 65; Randolph, 76; Quitman, 15.

February 26—Oconee, 95; Newton, 130; Stewart, 70; Webster, 40; Sumter, 100; Dooly, 190.

The twelve remaining counties will be paid on March 1 and 2.

March 1—Dodge, 60; Pulaski, 70; Houston, 60; Macon, 70; Schley, 45; Taylor, 120.

March 2—Chattahoochee, 27; Marion, 60; Talbott, 50; Harris, 140; Troup, 140

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

The South and the Canal.

Editor Constitution: I note with surprise that some of the democratic senators desire to make the Panama treaty a party question and with great pleasure that our senators Bacon and Clay, are favorable to its ratification.

The sentiment in Georgia, I think is almost unanimous in favor of the treaty and even those who oppose it do so from a mistaken idea that the revolution was inspired by this country and is consistent with our past record of justice and consideration for weaker American countries. Having been a number of times in Panama, I know the people were nearly unanimous in their desire to free themselves from the Colombian yoke and their action, call it what you will, secession or revolution, was due to the fact that their all was at stake and the tyranny and indifference of Colombia had become intolerable.

Panama was a Colombian Poland and has had just cause of complaint that the action of our government till now has tended to rivet her fetters. It is perhaps natural that Senator Morgan, now nearing the end of his long and useful career, should feel sore and persistent in his opposition, but southern senators who vote against the treaty will assuredly fail to voice the sentiment of their constituents.

The south, more than any other section, desires talk to cease and digging to begin.

PERRY M. DE LEON.

Atlanta, Ga. December 16.

Two Interesting Points.

Editor Constitution: Referring to the infinitesimal time said to have intervened between the cessation of the extra session of congress and the beginning of the new, during which time so many appointments were made, reminds one does it not, of the old engineer's argument that the piston rod must stop in order to turn back? The time it does so must be like the time intervening between these two congresses.

Another point: I see your new reporter says there was a time in the history of Atlanta when the blacksmiths numbered as many as all the rest of the population put together, speaks of their number, force, etc. It is not true that Atlanta has been working on a similar plan ever since—the results of fire, supplemented by wind, muscle and intelligence, and striking while the iron is hot?

B. M. W.

Parkerson a Southerner.

Editor Constitution: I notice in your editorial of December 16 that you made the statement that the Hon. W. S. Parkerson is a northern man.

I have known Mr. Parkerson for many years, in fact he is my attorney. While his home is now New Orleans, he is originally from Franklin, La., and he is a son of Judge Parkerson of that city. You are correct in the statement that he is a republican.

J. G. BOULIGNY.

Atlanta, Ga., December 16.

SHELLM

SHELLMAN, in Randol with several flourishing houses, large cotton mill and fertilizer factory, system of water works own capital, two banks, each hav and $15,000 capital respecti ideal little city, offering exc vantages to home seekers a tive investors.

The number of bales of cot annually in Shellman exceed of the largest farms of Rand are adjacent to this town an them are connected with it tance telephone. One of the this section. John Bins, who siderable farming interests, re a one-horse farm cultivated and family alone,, the neat su The writer saw the deposi amount made to whom Mr. the following statement:

Three bales of cotton.....
2,000 bushels corn.....
125 hogs, weiging 22,750 lbs.
3,000 bushels oats.....
1,600 pounds hay.....

Total value .....

Mr. Bins is only one of a nu south Georgia farmers achiev as tillers of the soil.

Shellman is on the southwe tion of the Central railroad, from Macon. Elevation abo el, 513 feet; located on ridge Flint and Chattahoochee rlv

Previous to 1884 it was kno Station, named from the ol of this section. In 1884 was by legislative enactment as name was changed to Shellma of Major W. F. Shellman, wh superintendent of transporta Central of Georgia Railroad The incorporate limits are on each direction from the Centr gia depot.

The charter of the city p sale of intoxicants, and non been sold, whether the count or dry. Among the earliest c In the seventies were Z. T. P nel R. F. Crittenden, Captain tenden, W. J. Oliver, Josep and B. K. Arthur. Severa men are still in business here of their children are among of Shellman. In 1872, Z. owned the one mercantile bu when the firm of Crittenden established, who are still in b der the original name, and a the oldest firms in the state.

Municipal Administra

The present city governme posed of Oscar A. Crittendon, and C. M. Cherry, M. W. C Turner, Roger S. Crittenden Sasser as councilmen; A. E. clerk, and T. R. Arthur as In 1900 a bond issue of $ authorized and the city now operates a modern system works, the water supply bei from an artesian well, and no plies the patrons with fine affords excellent fire protec city also has modern equipme ing fires and a volunteer fir of twelve men under a chief school census gives the popula city 836.

Also in the year 1900 a mov started to erect a new scho The movement was immedi cessful and the citizens of Sh nated $8,000 for the purpo handsome two-story building sult. The building has four rooms on the first floor and second. A large auditorium the second floor, seated with o with a capacity of seating The average attendance is pupils. The pupils are class grades. The corps of teach present term are Professor J. principal; Misses Helen Lan Wilder and Ollie Lawhon, Miss Thomson, music, and Gioppy, elocution.

The Oliver oil mills, ginners machine shops, fertilizer fac tenden Bros., ginnery, grist mill. M. W. & F. C. Cox, sa some of the local industries.

Religion.

There are three denomina sented, viz.: Methodist, L. pastor; Baptist, W. L. Culb tor, and the Christian Sch which have modern houses

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s where all the graces of domestic
seem to spread its charms like
ry from cottage to cottage.
s stop often along this route to let
class of people whom everyone is
at their going and a halo of sun-
enters the car at their coming.
t car men tell me that there is the
assumption along this route of any
travel—men and women are simple,
the highest type of gentility, a
ing to the world and a joy to street
men.
with all that is good in favor of
people along this line, once in a while
low slips in who chews his tobacco
will insist upon spitting on the floor
car—the street car men know these
designate them as "our hogs." When
hear a conductor say to a motorman,
d day for killing hogs," look on the
of the car and you will see puddles
obacco juice. If you would resent
designated as a hog, Mr. Tobacco,
spit in these cars, for they sure
you a hog when you do it.
ides these "spitters," there are a
who cause a shadow of anxiety to
cross the face of the conductor as
enter, but they are few, and echo
ers, "Thank the Lord."
ou will notice the class who create
anxiety you are more than apt to
some fellow whose good luck or
thing else has lifted them to pin-
s of financial prestige and hence into
ial position that they are in no
suited to fill. Such people are "loud"
eir demands, "loud" in dress, "loud"
rfume and are a terror to the poor
car conductor.
h people may fool themselves, but
never fool the smart street car
Through all their finery and amid
eir luxury there will appear to the
an a supercilious assumption that is
found in truly genteel people, and
cannot be concealed by fine clothes
e sparkle of jewels. These are the
e the ofenest ready to complain in
y to have conductors "fired," and
times out of ten their grievances
born of their own egotism. This is
treet car man's side of it.

my return trip I met with a badly
d little boy, being carried to the
al in Atlanta, and I learned things
nnection with this little fellow that
made me feel that the world is
better than it gets credit for being.
Parker, as the story goes, is a
lady living in the neighborhood of
ersville—her husband died last year
he has had a general run of bad
since.
s little burnt boy is the son of this
Parker. He was playing with an
brother and running backwards in
ul glee, he tumbled into the boiling
pot—that is the story of the scalding,
was very severe.
comes the good part. A good lady
tlanta, Mrs. Sam McGill, learned of
oy's condition and she proposed to
entlemen present that if they would
the getting of the boy to Atlanta
she would go ahead and make ar-
ments at the hospital, paying all
xperses herself.
course there was a man for such an
gency and Dr. J. L. Johnson. De-
county's treasurer, was soon on
ay to the home of Mrs. Parker, put
oy upon pillows, took him in his
and was holding him when I saw
on the street car.
oesn't take long to tell such a story
s, but it is the best of human na-
the best of life, and why not tell
ood things as well as the bad?

ED DATES
OF PENSIONS

HERS FROM THE PEOPLE

The South and the Canal.

or Constitution: I note with sur-
hat some of the democratic senators
to make the Panama treaty a par-
tion and with great pleasure that
nators Bacon and Clay, are fa-
to its ratification.
sentiment in Georgia, I think is
unanimous in favor of the treaty
en those who oppose it do so from
aken idea that the revolution was
by this country and is consis-
th our past record of justice and
ration for weaker American coun-
having been a number of times in
, I know the people were nearly
ous in their desire to free them-
from the Colombian yoke and their
call it what you will, secession or
ion, was due to the fact that their
at stake and the tyranny and
nce of Colombia had become in-
e.
na was a Colombian Poland and
just cause of complaint that the
of our government till now has
o rivet her fetters. It is perhaps
that Senator Morgan, now near-
end of his long and useful career,
feel sore and persistent in his op-
, but southern senators who vote
the treaty will assuredly fail to
e sentiment of their constituents.
uth, more than any other section,
talk to cease and digging to be-

PERRY M. DE LEON.
n, Ga. December 16.

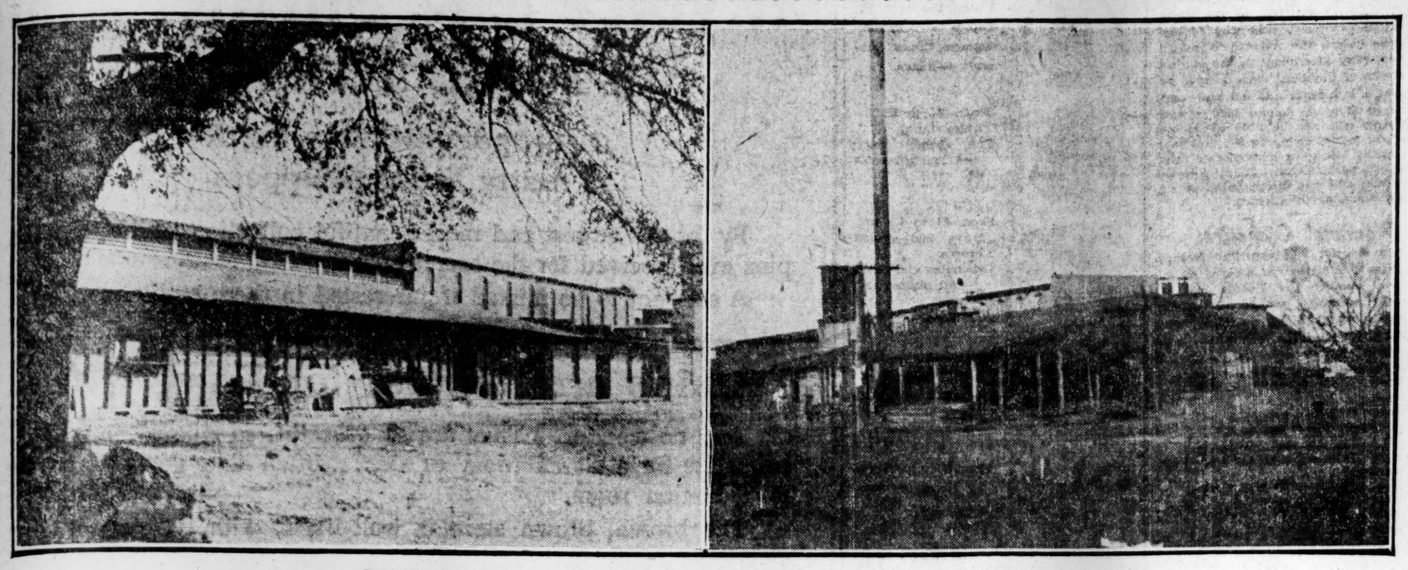
Two Interesting Points.

Constitution: Referring to the
mal time said to have inter-
tween the cessation of the extra
f congress and the beginning of
during which time so many ap-
ts were made, reminds one, does
of the old engineer's argument
piston rod must stop in order
back? The time it does so must
the time intervening between
o congresses.
—point: I see your new re-
ys there was a time in the his-
Atlanta when the blacksmiths
as many as all the rest of the
n put together, speaks of their
force, etc. It is not true that
has been working on a similar
since—the results of fire, sup-
by wind, muscle and intelli-
d striking while the iron is hot?
E. M. W.

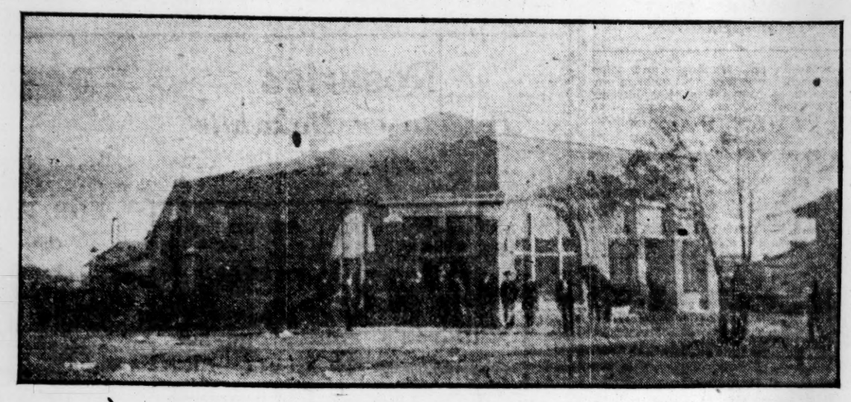
rkerson a Southerner.

Constitution: I notice in your
f December 16 that you made
ment that the Hon. W. S. Par-
a northern man.
nown Mr. Parkerson for many
tact he is my attorney. While
s now New Orleans, he is ori-
m Franklin, La., and he is a
ige Parkerson of that city. You
t in the statement that he is
an.
J. G. BOULIGNY.
Ga., December 16.

SHELLMAN IS RAPIDLY FORGING TO FRONT IN FINE STRUGGLE FOR COMMERCIAL PROMINENCE



TWO VIEWS OF W. J. OLIVER & SONS' GIN AND OIL MILL, SHELLMAN, GA.



STORE OF THE CURRY COMPANY, SHELLMAN, GA.

SHELLMAN, in Randolph county, with several flourishing mercantile houses, large cotton ginnery, oil mill and fertilizer factory, an excellent system of water works owned by local capital, two banks, each having $25,000, and $15,000 capital respectively, is an ideal little city, offering exceptional advantages to home seekers and prospective investors.

The number of bales of cotton received annually in Shellman exceed 8,000. Some of the largest farms of Randolph county are adjacent to this town and several of them are connected with it by long-distance telephone. One of the farmers of this section, John Bins, who owns considerable farming interests, realized from a one-horse farm cultivated by himself, and family alone,, the neat sum of $5,680 The writer saw the deposit of this amount made to whom Mr. Bins gave the following statement:

Three bales of cotton	$ 160
2,000 bushels corn	1,200
125 hogs, weiging 22,750 lbs.	1,820
3,000 bushels oats	1,500
1,600 pounds hay	1,000
Total value	$5,680

Mr. Bins is only one of a number of the south Georgia farmers achieving success as tillers of the soil.

Shellman is on the southwestern division of the Central railroad, 108 miles from Macon. Elevation above sea level, 513 feet; located on ridge between the Flint and Chattahoochee rivers.

Previous to 1884 it was known as Ward Station, named from the oldest settler of this section. In 1884 was incorporated by legislative enactment as a city and name was changed to Shellman, in honor of Major W. F. Shellman, who was then superintendent of transportation of the Central of Georgia Railroad Company. The incorporate limits are one-half mile each direction from the Central of Georgia depot.

The charter of the city prohibits the sale of intoxicants, and none has ever been sold, whether the county went wet or dry. Among the earliest citizens back in the seventies were Z. T. Phelps, Colonel R. F. Crittenden, Captain H. H. Crittenden, W. J. Oliver, Joseph Ethridge and B. K. Arthur. Several of these men are still in business here, and many of their children are among the citizens of Shellman. In 1872, Z. T. Phelps owned the one mercantile business here, when the firm of Crittenden Bros. was established, who are still in business under the original name, and are probably the oldest firms in the state.

Municipal Administration.

The present city government is composed of Oscar A. Crittendon, as Mayor, and C. M. Cherry, M. W. Cox, Sim F. Turner, Roger S. Crittenden and J. G. Sasser as councilmen; A. E. Mizelle as clerk, and T. R. Arthur as treasurer. In 1900 a bond issue of $10,000 was authorized and the city now owns and operates a modern system of water works, the water supply being obtained from an artesian well, and not only supplies the patrons with fine water, but affords excellent fire protection. The city also has modern equipment for fighting fires and a volunteer fire company of twelve men under a chief. The last school census gives the population of the city 836.

Also in the year 1900 a movement was started to erect a new school building. The movement was immediately successful and the citizens of Shellman donated $6,000 for the purpose, and a handsome two-story building is the result. The building has four large class rooms on the first floor and two on the second. A large auditorium is also on the second floor, seated with opera chairs, with a capacity of seating 600 people The average attendance is about 125 pupils. The pupils are classed into ten grades. The corps of teachers for the present term are Professor J. C. Rogers, principal; Misses Helen Land, Georgia Wilder and Ollie Lawhon, assistants; Miss Thomson, music, and Mrs. Clyde Gioppy, elocution.

The Oliver oil mills, ginners, grist mill, machine shops, fertilizer factory. Crittenden Bros., ginnery, grist mill, flour mill. M. W. & F. C. Cox, saw mills are some of the local industries.

Religion.

There are three denominations represented, viz.: Methodist, L. W. Colson, pastor; Baptist, W. L. Culberson, pastor, and the Christian Science, all of which have mocern houses of worship. The Methodists and Baptists also own homes for their pastors.

Fraternal Orders.

A lodge of Free and Accepted Masons has been established here for many years, and has a large membership. Recently a chapter of Royal Arch Masons was granted a charter by the grand chapter of Georgia. The Knights of Pythias also have a large and enthusiastic membership.

Among the beautiful residences of the city might be mentioned those of C. W. Martin, J. H. Martin, H. O. Crittenden, C. C. Cheny, J. F. Crittenden, N. L. Helms and J. N. Watts. The streets are slightly rolling and well drained.

Among the twenty odd firms doing mercantile business here, only three occupy wooden buildings; the others are all doing business in well built, substantial brick structures. It may be a fact that there are more brick houses here than in any town in the state of the same population. Among the prominent mercantile firms may be mentioned the J. A. & C. W. Martin Co., Crittenden Bros., C. M. Cheney, W. J. Oliver & Sons, Allen & Spurlock, Shellman Drug Co., Short Bros., the Curry Company.

Good Cotton Market.

As an evidence of the volume of business the cotton receipts may be remembered as a standard. From only 200 bales in the 70's, the receipts have steadily increased till now 10,000 bales are annually marketed at this point. There are two brick fire-proof cotton storage warehouses, the Planters' warehouse. Mr. W. T. Saxon, manager, and the Crittenden warehouse, Reid Crittenden, manager. The town has never experienced a boom, but its growth has been steady, substantial and certain, backed by the confidence of its own citizens.

As another evidence of good business of the community, we may glance at its postal facilities. The postoffice was recently transferred from a fourth-class office into the presidential class. The office is located in a two-story brick building, and has all the modern conveniences. There are four rural free delivery routes, penetrating the surrounding territory, and each route does an ever increasing business.

Soil Formation.

The character of the country contiguous to Shellman varies from a sandy loam soil to the black soil with clay formation. The sandy soils are usually found only very close to creeks, and are used for stock farms. The price of the land varies from $5 per acre to $35 per acre, according to location and character. All the rural districts have good schools and there is probably not a better white belt of country in Georgia.

As a great fruit shipping point, Shellman is fast becoming well known. At the present time there are 60,000 trees in bearing, and 40,000 more will be planted this season. The tree grows well here and the soil seems to be admirably suited for the production of the fruit. Among the prominent promoters of this industry are F. R. and R. S. Crittenden, W. R. Terry, The Crittenden Fruit Company and J. B. Payne.

Banks.

Shellman enjoys excellent banking facilities. The Peoples' Bank, established in 1900, capitalized at $15,000, has paid out 24 per cent. in dividends, and put $4,000 in the surplus account. The Shellman Banking Company, established in 1890, has always done a good, conservative business, and always paid its stockholders good dividends. It has capital stock of $25,000.

There are two excellent hotels for the accommodation of the traveling public, the Henry May Hotel, F. R. Sasser proprietor, and the New Arthur Hotel, Mrs. G. B. Arthur, proprietress. Both enjoy a good patronage.

Work of W. J. Oliver.

W. J. Oliver is one of the largest operators in Shellman, being banker, manufacturer, merchant and farmer. The large steam ginnery, grist mill and variety works as well as the oil mills and fertilizer factory, belong to him. The capacity of the oil mills, in which are employed thirty men, are 6 tons meal, 600 gallons of oil, and 1,400 pounds of hulls daily. The capacity of the ginnery is one hundred bales of cotton a day. Mr. Oliver also is the sole owner of 3,000 acres of farming land, running forty plows daily.

Leading Merchants.

The Curry Company are large dealers in furniture and also make considerable business of the money loans and discounts department of the company.

They are the only large stock dealers in Shellman and supply the farms of Randolph and Terrell with mules and fine horses from the best eKntucky and Tennessee stock.

This company has recently moved into their new brick building in the center of town which cost $5,000.

The old and established business of Crittenden Bros., organized in 1872, is one of the largest mercantile establishments in Randolph county. It is estimated to be worth a half million dollars.

The news of the dissolution of this firm on January 1, 1904, will be received with regret throughout south Georgia, though the business will be conducted in future on the same extensive scale of the past. Oscar Crittenden and his father, R. G. Crittenden, retiring to engage in a large business on their own individual account.

The Shellman Drug Company, organized in 1900, E. C. Davidson and E. Baldwin constituting the members, are proprietors of the model drug store of Shellman, the prescription department of which is in charge of C. Patterson, an experienced pharmacist, formerly of Cuthbert. An interior view of this popular drug store is elsewhere reproduced in this article.

The popular barber of Shellman is F. H. Anthony, whose shop is over the postoffice, convenient to the offices and business houses of the town. Mr. Anthony is the son of J. M. Anthony, the efficient postmaster of Shellman.

Of the most successful merchants of Shellman, none are better known than C. M. Cheeny, a large planter of Randolph county, who emigrated to south Georgia from Cobb county many years ago.

WORRY CAUSED HIS SUICIDE.

Hearing of Threats, Dr. Eckleberry Drinks Chloral.

Columbus, Ohio, December 16—"Dr." J. F. Eckelberry, aged 58 years, died an early hour this morning under peculiar circumstances. On Sunday Eckelberry and James Stone, aged 55, were together and the former gave Stone some medicine to relieve him from the effects of drink. that night Stone died and while The coroner rendered a verdict of death from excessive drink. Eckelberry was told that threats had been made against him by Stone's sons. The matter so worried him that night he took chloral with suicidal intent, dying early this morning.

TRAINS COLLIDE ON BRIDGE.

One Man Killed Outright and Others Were Injured.

Fort Scott, Kans., December 16.—One man lost his life, one was fatally hurt and several others were more or less severely injured in a collision of two sections of a freight, train on a long bridge on the Frisco system 15 miles from here today. P. M. Hermitage, of Monett, Mo., a brakeman, who was riding on the engine of the rear train, was roasted alive in the view of the other members of the crew, who were unable to help him. He begged to be killed and placed out of his misery. W. E. Williford and H. J. Kramer, brakemen, are believed to be fatally hurt. The bridge burned under the wreck and one engine and several cars went down.

BOOK COMPANY DENIES RUMOR

R. S. and J. Van Holt Nash Sign a Card of Denial.

In reply to the rumor from Athens, Ga., published in The Constitution of yesterday morning to the effect that the American Book Company is trying to compass the defeat of Professor E. C. Branson as president of the State Normal school, the managers of the southern department of the company have signed the following card:

Atlanta, Ga., December 16, 1903.—Editor Constitution: In view of the statement made by your special correspondent from Athens under date of December 15, published in your morning issue, to the effect that the opposition to Professor Branson for reelection as president of the State Normal school, was due to the fact that he "has refused to order the heads of departments in the normal school to use only the books of the American Book Company," and that our company has endeavored to compass his defeat, a reply from us is justified, and we, as managers of the company in this state, request that you publish the following:

The statements in the dispatch referred to are unwarranted and are unjust reflections upon the policy and conduct of this department of the American Book Company.

Every member of the board of trustees of the State Normal school will bear testimony that neither we nor any other representatives of this company have attempted to induce any member of that board to vote against Professor Branson for president of that institution. On the contrary, our attitude toward Professor Branson has invariably been considerate in the highest degree. He has made many requests of us for favors for himself and the institution over which he presides, and without exception we have cheerfully acceded to them all. We have even upon his request many of our best books to the general library of the State Normal; we have given whole outfits of such books to the library of the model school; we have given at his request two scholarships for the use of poor students to the value of $150, stating to him at the same time that we desired no public credit for the gift; we have, without hope of reward, been his friends and the friends of the State Normal in season and out of season. During the past twelve or eighteen months we have asked him and his teachers to use only one of our publications which is in general use throughout the state. It is true that there are in use in the State Normal two or three others of our publications, these publications being of minor importance and not in general use in the common schools of the state. In undertaking to induce Professor Branson and his teachers to use the publication referred to, we have invariably approached him and his teachers in the most respectful way. We have made no "demands;" we have made no threats, and he and his teachers will find it utterly impossible to bring to light a single written or spoken word uttered, by us or any of our representatives that bears even the semblance of a demand or threat.

We cannot undertake to fathom the motive of such publication, but whether we are apprised of the animus or not, we do not propose to be silent at such a time. We are in no way concerned in the fortunes of Professor Branson. He is not interested in any publication issued by this company. If some of his friends have been indiscreet in their attempts to be of service to him, we think he should see that they make immediate and ample amends to us.

Since writing the above our position is justified by the following telegrams and replies:

"Atlanta, Ga., December 16, 1903.—Professor E. C. Branson, Athens, Ga.: The report that we are interested in compassing your defeat is absolutely false. Kindly wire me at once if we have demanded that you order heads of departments to use only the books of the American Book Company. Have we ever made any unreasonable or improper requests of you in behalf of our books? Immediate answer will oblige me.

(Signed) "R. S. NASH."

"Athens, Ga., December 16, 1903.—R. S. Nash, Atlanta, Ga.: Glad to have your denial of unfriendliness to me. You have never demanded of me that I coerce teachers into using your books. You have made no unreasonable requests of me on this score. Have written fully and frankly.

(Signed) "E. C. BRANSON."

"Atlanta, Ga., December 16, 1903.—Professor G. G. Bond, Dr. W. B. Hill, Professor L. B. Evans, Professor W. B. Merritt, Major R. J. Quinn, Members Board of Trustees, State Normal School, Athens, Ga.: The report that the American Book Company has undertaken to defeat Professor Branson is unfair to us and absolutely false. Kindly wire me at once if I or any of my representatives has ever asked you to vote against Professor Branson.

(Signed) "R. S. NASH,
"Manager American Book Company."

Athens, Ga., December 16, 1903.—R. S. Nash, Atlanta, Ga.: I have never been approached by any representative of the American Book Company working against Mr. Branson.

(Signed) G. G. BOND.

Athens, Ga., December 16.—R. S. Nash, Manager American Book Company, Atlanta, Ga.—As every member of the State Normal school commission state that the report you mention has no foundation a hearing in refutation is not necessary.

W. B. MERRITT, President.
G. G. BOND, Secretary.

Athens, Ga., December 16, 1903.—R. S. Nash, Manager American Book Company, Atlanta, Ga.—No representative of your publishing house has ever made any suggestion to me in accord to Professor Branson. W. B. MERRITT.

Athens, Ga., December 16.: R. S. Nash, American Book Co., Atlanta, Ga.: Neither you nor any representative of your company has ever asked me to oppose President Branson. WALTER B. HILL.

Athens, Ga., December 15: R. S. Nash, manager American Book Co., Atlanta, Ga.: I have no knowledge of any effort of the American Book Co. to defeat Mr. Branson for president of normal school. LAWTON B. EVANS.

Other replies have not been received in time to find place in this communication, but they will undoubtedly be of same tenor as above.

R. STAFFORD NASH,
JOS. VAN HOLT NASH,
Managers Southern Department, American Book Company.

PRETTY ODD THINGS.

Hundreds of dainty novelties not found in other stores. Just what you want for Xmas. THE COLUMBIAN BOOK CO., 81 Whitehall street.

Trading Stamps Cut Out.

Huntsville, Ala., December 16.—(Special.)—The trading stamp company that has been doing business here during the past year quit today, because the merchants who handled stamps refused to renew contracts. As a trade stimulator, the stamps were found to be a failure. On the contrary, they were a heavy tax on the merchants.

Brokers Greet Schley.

Cincinnati, December 16.—Admiral W. S. Schley, who is here to attend a dinner by the Mystic Shriners to be given at the Scotch Rite cathedral tonight, appeared on 'change today and held a reception. He made a brief address and was the recipient of marked honors by crowds who gathered to see him.

Art for the Christmastide.

"BEAUTY BREAKS IN EVERYWHERE."

Art goods will figure in the cases which leave this store for holiday gifts. And what beauty lover would not welcome such a gift, exquisite in itself and bearing the sentiment of the donor?

Vases in Royal Teplitz, Pompeiian Amphora and Royal Bonn
Candlesticks and Candelabra in antique brass, silver and bronze.
Porcelain Miniatures in rich gold Florentine frames.
Rookwood Pottery Vases, Jugs, Trays, Pitchers.

Illustrated catalogue for out-of-town customers.

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Old Fashion
Sour Mash

Made from
Selected Grain
Naturally
Fermented

and carefully distilled for highest quality by

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"HEAD TO FOOT."
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Overcoat	Neckwear	Suspenders	Collars
Hat	Muffler	Smoking Jacket	Hosiery

The Label Is Familiar to Him.

"HIRS H BROS."

It Stands for Quality.

"HE KNOWS."

SAFE CRACKED AT MANSFIELD

Newton County Merchant Robbed by Cracksmen and House Thieves.

Covington, Ga., December 16.—(Special.) Last night the store of C. A. Bauer, at Mansfield, Ga., was broken into and his safe blown. The robber relieved him of $750, and then stole his horse and buggy to make his escape in.

Mr. Banks is a prominent merchant at Mansfield, and has been buying a considerable amount of cotton this season.

There is no clew to the robbery that leads to any party being suspected.

Reflections of a Bachelor.

(From The New York Press.

It would be just as sensible if women were open-work rubbers.

A wife can forgive a husband anything except never having to be forgiven.

Beauty doesn't have to be more than skin deep to do its business, nor ugliness, either.

Women play whist and men go into politics chiefly because they've got no business doing it.

Nothing makes a man feel more creepy than to think of false hair when he is thinking about a woman he likes.

Any Cough or Cold

Can be promptly cured with Mozley's Lemon Hot Drops, price 25 cents at all drug stores.

HOWE, THE PHOTOGRAPHER.

Will guarantee delivery of portraits by the 24th for all orders placed on or before the 18th inst. 117 N. Pryor st.

GREAT BATTLES ON THE BOARDS

Conflicts of Boer War To Be Reproduced at St. Louis.

New York, December 16.—General Benjamin Viljoen, one of the three assistant commandants general in the Boer war, who has just arrived here from Europe on his way to St. Louis, says a plan has been evolved for the reproduction at the Louisiana purchase exposition of the battle of Colenso, the defeat of General Buller and the British forces on the Tugela, December 15, 1899, and Cronje's surrender to the British on February 27, 1900.

"This unique feature will be the appearance," said Captain Arthur W. Lewis, who fought on the English side and who came over with General Viljoen, "of about six hundred to a thousand men, probably about equally divided between British and Boers, who actually had a part in the hostilities in South Africa. A percentage of the net proceeds will go to the relief of the sufferings of the destitute women and children in the Transvaal."

Captain Lewis, who is associated with the Boer general, is a native of Clinton county, Missouri. He fought on the side of the English through the war and rose from the ranks.

When You Are Constipated,

One dore of Mozley's Lemon Elixir will bring prompt relief without any unpleasant effects. At all drug stores.

Entire Building—Six Floors and Basement.

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Brief Mentions That Will Settle the Question.

Say, for instance, Neckwear—here you hit all men right—that is you buy it in as carefully selected stock as this—it's the biggest in the South, remember.

New Ideas—English Squares and Folded Four-in-Hands in new Persian effects, 50c to $3.00.

Ties in Individual boxes—a holiday line all ready to mail out, 75c.

Gloves—See the new harness sewed, "Phevretts" in tan, brown and oak shades, $1.50.

Other Gloves, $1.00 to $5.00.

Handkerchiefs—Initial silk or linen, 25c to $1.00.

Silk Suspenders, sterling or French gray mounted, $1.00 to $7.00.

Mufflers—The swellest English Persian effects, $1.00 to $5.00.

Then there are things for men who travel—women, too, for that matter.

A famously good cow-hide Suit Case at $5.00.

Other Bags and Cases for less and for more; some all fitted with toilet articles.

Then Collar and Cuff Boxes, $1.00 up.

And Toilet Articles in sets, especially for travelers, $1.50 to $10.00.

Umbrellas in ivory or silver, gun metal, etc., handsome affairs, $4.00 to $22.50.

Umbrellas also plain or in natural wood handles.



Canes, silver trimmed, 75c to $7.50.

Slippers.
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Stuttgarter Underwear.
Dr. Deimels' Linen Mesh Underwear.

11, 13, 15, 17 Whitehall

SOCIETY

Social Side of Convention.

THE Capital City Club was the scene of a brilliant reception last evening when the local committee of the Southern Surgical and Gyneological Society entertained in honor of the delegates in attendance upon the annual convention holding here.

The guests were invited at 9 o'clock and received by the members of the local committee in the reception rooms adjoining the ball room, every apartment of the second floor of the club thrown open for their entertainment. The decorations throughout were elaborate and artistic, including American smilax, palms and ferns. The latter were banked at the base of the windows and palms were placed between the windows in the ball room. American smilax outlined the arched doors and windows and was in garlands upon chandeliers in the reception and dining rooms adjoining the ball rooms. The orchestra gallery was screened in smilax and the music was of the highest order.

The supper served at half-after 11 o'clock was substantial and delicious and the several hundred guests were perfectly served.

Among the visiting ladies present were Mrs. Bovee, of Washington; Mrs. Mayo, of Minnesota; Mrs. Haggard, of Nashville; Mrs. Baldy, of Philadelphia, these receiving with Dr. Westmoreland and the members of the local committee.

Mrs. Bovee, the wife of the president of the society, is a brilliant and charming woman who shares her husband's popularity among the members of the society. She wore an elegant toilet in lace.

These ladies were the guests of Mrs. Floyd McRae at a beautiful luncheon which she gave in the ladies' cafe of the club yesterday. The table was artistically adorned in American Beauty roses and the menu served was delicious.

Mrs. McRae wore a becoming toilet in violet velvet.

At 2 o'clock the entire society were entertained at luncheon by the local committee, this occasion, like all in honor of thedistinguished visitors, one of notable pleasure.

Richards-Benson.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., December 16. (Special.)—A pretty home wedding was solemnized here this afternoon at 5:30 o'clock when Miss Fannie S. Benson, of this city, and Mr. J. R. Richards, of Atlanta, were united in marriage.

The marriage took place at the beautiful home of the bride's uncle, Mr. T. S. Gilmer, the Rev. J. A. Rice, of the Court Street Methodist church, officiating.

The bride wore a lovely tailor-made traveling gown of brown with hat to match. There were only the relatives and a few close acquaintances present, on account of the illness of the bride's uncle.

The bride is a pretty and charming young lady and is very popular here. She comes of a distinguished family.

The groom is a prominent business man of Atlanta, being assistant treasurer of the Grand opera house. The bride and groom left immediately for Atlanta, where they will in the future reside. For the present they will be the guests of the Aragon hotel. The many friends here of the young couple wish them much happiness.

Avery-Jones.

A WEDDING of pronounced beauty last night was that of Miss Edna Avery, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Avery, and Mr. Lamar Jones, which took place at the home of the bride's parents on Peachtree street.

A hundred guests or more witnessed the simple ceremony, which was performed by a great-uncle of the bride, Dr. G. A. Nunnally, of LaGrange, and afterwards there was a brilliant reception.

The home was effectively decorated, principally in white and green, but occasionally vases of pink roses prevented a possible monotony. The crash-covered stairway, down which the bridal party came when the wedding march announced the hour of the marriage, was lined on each side with bamboo that trailed over the banisters and at the foot of the stairs and throughout the square reception hall palms were massed. The ceremony occurred in the long drawing room, where palms, ferns, and bride roses harmonized with the apartment's white wood work and elegant mahogany furnishings. In the dining room palms and pink roses were used, and there the punch bowl, hidden among fruits, was placed. The bride's table was a circular one in a small drawing room, and its artistic decoration was of white roses, a cut glass epergne of the half opened flowers rising from a round plateau of roses. A delicious supper was served, and an orchestra supplied the evening's music.

The bride entered the drawing room for the ceremony with her father, and she was distinctly beautiful in her soft, graceful wedding gown of white silk mulle and Duchess lace, the table veil becomingly setting off her brunette beauty. She carried a bouquet of roses and lilies of the valley, and during her wedding there were many cordial good wishes felt for her happiness. Mr. Jones, too, has his wide circle of friends to congratulate him, social and business life knowing him admiringly.

Preceding the bride was her maid of honor, Miss Emily Robinson, of Social Circle, who was handsomely gowned in white, her gown being of crepe de chine, with which she carried white carnations.

Preceding her, the two groomsmen, Mr. Joseph Hilsman and Mr. Morgan Freeman, followed the bridesmaids, Miss Daisy Stewart and Miss Helen Angier. The bridesmaids were lovely in white crepe de chine gowns with pale green sashes, and they bore the broad white satin ribbons that formed an aisle for the rest of the party to the waiting groom and his best man, Dr. Frank Boland.

After the ceremony the reception was a brilliant one, Mrs. Avery elegantly gowned in black crepe de chine, received with the bride and bridegroom, who left at midnight for a wedding trip.

Belthoven Evening.

THE ensemble recital at Klindworth conservatory tonight will be the second of the winter series of faculty concerts. The announcement of a Beethoven evening should meet with broad interest, since the participants in the programme are to all intents genuine artists who will give their selections a worthy interpretation. Mr. Kurt Mueller and Miss Grace Lee Brown, first and second piano; Mr. G. W. Pringnitz, violin, and Mr. A. Pauli, 'cello, will present the splendid programme.

Nine O'Clock German.

AT a meeting of the governing board of the Nine O'Clock German Club, held last evening, it was decided to give the holiday german on the evening of December 29th.

The entertainment will be one unusually elaborate, and will take place in the Kimball House ball room. Following will be a sumptuous supper in the ladies' cafe. The ferns will be unique and artistic, and the german will begin promptly at 9 o'clock. Mr. Joseph Brown Connally, president of the club, will lead.

Debating Society.

THE Boys' High School has issued invitations to the annual exercises of the Alciphronian Literary and Debating Society, Browning Hall, Girls' High School, Monday morning, December 21, at 10:30 o'clock.

W. C. T. U.

MRS. G. W. Wilson will conduct the devotional service and Mrs. W. H. Preston will read an interesting paper on "Dangers of Creating the Alcoholic Appetite in Children," before the Atlanta Willard Woman's Christian Temperance Union, which will meet in the room over the Buehl book store, 69 Whitehall street, at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Visitors cordially invited to be present.

Charity Parlor Sale.

THE Young People's Auxiliary of the Tabernacle infirmary and District Nursery will conduct a parlor sale on Thursday and Friday of this week at the Tabernacle infirmary, 69 Luckie street. They will have on sale splendidly executed burnt wood, fancy articles of all kinds, dressed dolls and the like. The sale will be conducted from 1 to 8 o'clock Thursday and Friday. All friends of the work are invited to call and examine the goods. Also any donations of fancy articles will be appreciated by Mrs. Len G. Broughton or Mrs. Mollie J. Ingraham, president Y. P. A. Tabernacle infirmary.

Mr. Young Was Delayed.

MR. JAMES YOUNG, of the Viola Allen Company, who was to lecture before the Atlanta Woman's Club yesterday afternoon on the subject "A Defense of Shylock," was delayed by reason of a late train and did not reach Atlanta in time to deliver the lecture. Mr. Young will not be able to deliver the lecture today, owing to the fact that the company left town immediately after last night's performance. A large crowd was present and was disappointed at Mr. Young's unavoidable absence.

Womans' Orchestra.

THE Baptist Tabernacle lecture course committee has secured as an extra number the Boston Ladies' Symphony orchestra, which will appear at the Baptist tabernacle on the evening of December 17. The committee considers itself fortunate in being able to secure for the patrons of their course and friends this famous musical organization.

Following is the programme:

March, "Militaire," Schubert.
Overture, "Tannhauser," Wagner.
Cornet Solo, "Levy Athen Polka," Levy—Nettie Reiter.
Reverie, Gay.
Trombone Solo, "Air Varia," Pryor—Ida Reiter.
Andante from fifth symphony, Beethoven.
Piccolo Solo, "Through the Air," Damm—Addie E. Moore.
Overture, "Der Freischutz," Weber.
Violin Solo, "Andante and Moto Perpetuo," Ries—Mabel Beaman McKee.
Selection, "Chinese Honeymoon," Talbot.

B. of L. E. Reception.

THE Ladies' Auxiliary to the B. of L. E. will compliment Mrs. Thomas Quinn, of Jackson, Tenn., with a reception this evening at 8 o'clock at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Kitchens, 499 S. Pryor street. Engineers and families are invited to meet Mrs. Quinn.

To Miss Lanier.

MISS Nanette Crawford has issued invitations for a tea on the 25th in compliment to her guest, Miss Alice Lanier.

To Miss Woodward.

MRS. David Woodward has issued invitations for a 4 o'clock teaa on Monday for her daughter,, Miss Marian Woodward, who returns from Vassar on Saturday.

Fitzgerald-Hall-

MRS. Mary Davis Fitzgerald and Mr. Joseph A. Hall were quietly married on Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, Rev. John E. White officiating, at the home of the bride, 182 Rawson street. Shortly after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Hall left on a short bridal trip.

Social Items.

Mrs. J. W. Rucker leaves tonight with her brother, Mr. G. N. L. Powell, for Palm Beach. They will be at the Royal Poinclans for the winter.

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Mrs. A. D. Bonds, of North Carolina, is in the city.

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Mrs. Chas. Godfrey, who has been quite sick, is able to be out again.

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Mrs. C. D. Hill will spend Christmas in Macon.

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Miss Carrie Du Bose and Miss Sarah Bell have issued invitations for a tea on the 26th.

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Miss Marguerite Carter, of Dallas, who has been visiting Mrs. W. M. Camp, returns home Saturday.

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On account of the lateness of the train, Mr. James Young, of the Viola Allen Company, who was to have lectured at the Woman's Club yesterday afternoon, did not fulfill his engagement.

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Mrs. W. H. Felton has returned to Cartersville.

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Mr. Paul Jones is ill at his father's home in Cartersville.

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Mrs. Samuel Abbott is in Cartersville with her mother, Mrs. Freeman.

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Miss Nettie C. Sergeant has issued invitations for a 4 o'clock tea on December 29 in compliment to Miss Means, of New York.

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Mr. Murphy Donn, of Paducah, Ky., has been spending several days in the city.

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Dr. C. A. Moore is quite sick again.

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Miss May Waldo has returned from Macon.

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Miss Mollie Leila Horsley, of West Point, Ga., who is to visit Miss Willie Belle Campbell during the holidays, arrives on Monday, and Miss Campbell will entertain at luncheon on Saturday in compliment to Miss Horsley and Miss Floy Felkner, of Monroe, who arrives Thursday to visit the Misses Thorne.

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Miss Florence Cottingham entertained informally at cards yesterday in compliment to Miss Marguerite Carter, of Dallas, Tex. Sixteen young ladies enjoyed Miss Cottingham's hospitality.

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Miss Nanelle Crawford will have as her guest during the holidays Miss Alice Lanier, of West Point. Miss Lanier will arrive on next Tuesday.

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Mr. H. H. Whitcomb has received a telegram announcing the safe arrival in Bremen of his sister, Miss Dorothy Whitcomb.

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Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Langford and Miss Inez Langford, of Gainesville, are in the city.

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Dr. J. W. Bailey, of Gainesville, is in the city.

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Misses M. A. and Effie Beale Phelan will entertain informally at an eggnogg party Christmas morning.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Gately have returned from Macon.

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Colonel and Mrs. Robert J. Lowry will be among those to entertain in honor of Mrs. Andrew Symonds, the guest of Mrs. Joseph Thompson

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Mrs. Leonard Phinizy left yesterday for her home in Augusta.

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Mrs. John Fitten entertained the Wednesday Whist Club yesterday.

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Mrs. Edward Brown entertains the Thursday Whist Club this morning.

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Miss Mary Gatins, of New York, arrives in the city today as the guest of Miss Louise Gay.

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Mr. Tom Brumby, of Marietta, will be among the out of town guests at the cotillion Friday night.

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Mrs. George Dexter is recovering from her recent illness.

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Miss Anita Phinizy, of Augusta, arrived in the city yesterday as the guest of Mrs. Albert Howell.

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Mrs. Van Hilliard Spalding leaves Saturday night for Virginia.

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Miss Aylea O'Neill is spending a few days in Cartersville.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lowe leave Saturday night for Virginia.

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Washington Seminary.

The midyear term of the seminary will begin on Thursday, December 31. The plan of dividing all large clases into small sections permits personal attention to each pupil, and the work this session has been the most successful, both in point of thoroughness and attendance in the history of the school. Primary, academic, music, art and elocution departments. For information apply to the principals, 36 East North avenue, Atlanta, or telephone 2047, North.

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PAPERS READ BY SURGEONS

Important Work of Second Day's Session of Medical Men.

The second day's sessions of the Southern Surgical and Gynecological Association at the Piedmont hotel yesterday were largely attended and many papers on important medical topics were read. Many of the students from the Atlanta Medical college were present to hear the discussions.

An interesting feature of the day was the address by the president, Dr. J. W. Bovee, of Washington, D. C. Dr. Bovee referred appropriately to Dr. W. E. B. Davis, of Birmingham; Dr. J. McF. Gaston, of Atlanta, and Dr. George J. Engleman, recent deceased members of the association. The rest of his paper was a technical medical discussion.

The memorial address on Dr. W. E. B. Davis was followed by the adoption of a resolution providing for the erection of a monument to him at Birmingham, Ala., the fund to be raised by subscription among the members of the association.

Following are the papers and addresses which occupied the attention of the morning session:

"Spurious Dysmenorrhea: An Appeal for a More Rational Treatment"—Dr. Henry T. Byford, of Chicago.

"Surgery of Urinary Tuberculosis in Women"—Dr. Guy L. Hunner, of Baltimore.

Memorial address on Dr. W. E. B. Davis—Dr. Richard Douglas, of Nashville.

Presidential Address—Dr. J. W. Bovee of Washington.

"A Case of True Hypertrophy of the Mammae"—Dr. George Ben Johnson, of Richmond, Va.

At the afternoon session the following papers were read and discussed:

"Extra-Uterine Gestation"—Dr. T. J. Crofford, of Memphis.

"Pus Collections in the Pelvis"—Dr. C. N. Chavigny, of New Orleans.

"Technic of Operations by the Vaginal Method"—Dr. J. Riddle Goffee, of New York.

(a) "Tubercular Ostitis of the Knee Joint;" (b) "An Exhibition of a Plaster of Paris Bandage Roller"—Dr. A. R. Shands, of Washington.

"Excision of Psoas Magnus Muscle for Sarcoma"—Dr. George H. Noble, of Atlanta.

The visiting surgeons were entertained at a luncheon at noon yesterday at the Capital City Club by the Atlanta surgeons, and last night they were tendered a reception also at the club.

Today's sessions will conclude the work of the association, including the election of officers and the selection of the next meeting place. Dallas, Tex., is making a strong fight to secure the next convention.

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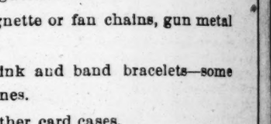
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Medal of Honor for Deery.

Washington, December 16.—It was ascertained at the navy department today that Secretary Moody, in addition to a letter of commendation to Boatswain Patrick Deery, of the Peoria, who at great peril, swam to the submarine boat Adder and attached a line to her, will order that a medal of honor be presented to him.

Mind
Impaired and Nerves Shattered
From Excessive Mental Strain.
Dr. Miles' Nervine Gave Back My Health.

It is not always severe manual labor that breaks down the health. Mental strain, worry, anxiety, the cares of business or the home, have an equally strong tendency towards undermining the nervous system, upon whose vitality the health of the body depends. When you find yourself unduly fretful, anxious, easily excitable; when your sleep is troubled and you can get no rest; if you have frequent headache, are losing your appetite and are getting thin, you should begin at once a thorough course of treatment with Dr. Miles' Nervine. There is no nerve tonic so good, so sure, so safe. It speedily restores the weakened nerves to healthy action, and builds strength and tissue.

"I was raised on a farm at hard labor, and when I left the farm and began preaching, the change of occupation and excessive study shattered my nerves and impaired my memory. I began taking Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine, and after using two bottles I could see a decided improvement, and I continued until I had used nine bottles, when I considered myself completely cured. That was seven years ago so that I know my cure is permanent. My health has been excellent ever since. I am glad to add my testimony to the merits of this wonderful restorative and trust that other sufferers may receive the same benefit from its use that I have."—REV. W. L. SINGLETON, Duluth, Ga.

All druggists sell and guarantee first bottle Dr. Miles' Remedies. Send for free book on Nervous and Heart Diseases. Address Dr. Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.

Arrest
disease by the timely use of Tutt's Liver Pills, an old and favorite remedy of increasing popularity. Always cures
SICK HEADACHE,
sour stomach, malaria, indigestion, torpid liver, constipation and all bilious diseases.
TUTT'S Liver PILLS



Stricken With Heart Disease

Pick up almost any newspaper and you will find an account of some person being stricken with heart disease. Heart trouble, at least among the Americans, is on the increase. No doubt this is due in part to the worry, excitement and strenuosity of modern American business life, and yet how many, many times it is the result of weak stomachs, of poor digestion.

While real organic heart trouble is incurable, it is comforting to know that not more than one case in every hundred is organic. The remainder are functional, being due to a sympathetic disturbance, produced through the nervous system, caused by great muscular prostration, improper nutrition, in short, dyspepsia.

This functional disturbance of the heart's action is manifested by palpitation, irregularity of beats, intermission, rolling or tumbling movement and a feeling as if the heart were in the throat. These symptoms often give rise to great apprehension, anxiety, fear and depression of mind. But since the cause of the trouble is indigestion, it readily yields to Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, the great panacea for all stomach disorders and sympathetic ailments. The close relation between heart trouble and poor digestion is due to the fact that the heart, the great force pump of the system, to which all of the veins and arteries of the body may be directly or indirectly traced, and the stomach are controlled by the same great nerves, the Sympathetic and Pneumogastric.

In another way, also, the heart is affected by the form of poor digestion, which causes gas and fermentation from half digested food. There is a feeling of oppression and heaviness in the chest caused by pressure of the distended stomach on the heart and lungs, interfering with their action; hence arises palpitation and short breath.

Poor digestion also poisons the blood, making it thin and watery, which irritates and weakens the heart.

The most sensible treatment for heart trouble is to improve the digestion and to insure the prompt assimilation of food.

The slightest derangement of the stomach impairs digestion and nutrition. Some of the symptoms of indigestion are fullness in the region of the stomach, sourness, emission of gases, colic, loss of energy, drowsiness, harrowing dreams, bitter taste in the mouth, offensive breath, sick headache, giddiness, disturbed sleep, sallow countenance, heartburn, irregularity of appetite, etc.

Many suffering from dyspepsia make the grave mistake of assuming that they need cathartics to force the liver to throw off the load, and thereby frequently cause the graver evil of a disordered liver, while in reality they require some effective digestive preparation like Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, obtainable of all druggists, which are pleasant and perfectly safe, to supply the lacking fluids that cause digestion and proper nutrition, thus strengthening the entire system and insuring a strong, vigorous, healthy body.

It is safe to say that the regular, persistent use of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets at mealtime will cure any form of stomach trouble except cancer of the stomach.

Mrs. Lydia Bartram of Assyria, Mich., writes: "I have suffered from stomach trouble for 10 years and five different doctors gave me only temporary relief. A Mr. E. R. Page advised me to try Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets and four boxes did me more permanent benefit than all the doctors' medicines that I have ever taken."

Mrs. G. H. Crotsley, 538 Washington St., Hoboken, N. J., writes: "Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets just fill the bill for children as well as for older folks. I've had the best of luck with them. My three-year-old girl takes them as readily as candy. I have only to say 'Tablets' and she drops everything else and runs for them."

Full size package of these tablets sold by druggists at 50 cents. Little book on stomach troubles mailed free. Address F. A. Stuart Co., Marshall, Mich.

BIG MEETING IS COMING HERE

National Educational Association Not Going to Washington, D. C.

Members of the local executive committee, of which Mayor Howell is chairman and E. P. Burns secretary, which has charge of the arrangements for the convention of the National Educational Association, which meets here February 23, 24 and 25, 1904, were surprised several days ago to read a statement in a Macon paper to the effect that the meeting would not be held in Atlanta. In this article, it was announced that General Secretary Sheppard was considering the matter of changing the place of meeting from Atlanta to Washington, D. C. The cause assigned for this change was that there was a lack of interest in the matter in Atlanta.

However, on the preceding this publication, Secretary Burns, of the local committee, received a long letter from Secretary Sheppard, thanking Mr. Burns for information that had been sent, and stating that the arrangemente that have been so far made were entirely satisfactory to the national officers.

The local committee has engaged the Grand opera house for the three days and nights of the convention. In addition to this, the railroads have been applied to for reduced rates for side trips and a trip to Cuba, and for extension privileges in order that delegates to the convention may avail themselves of the opportunity to visit the interesting points in this section. Mr. Sheppard has been sent a detailed statement of what accommodations the hotels of the city can furnish and the committee has advertised the time and place of meeting widely.

It is believed that the rumor that the place of meeting would be changed grew out of a letter written to Mr. Burns by Mr. Sheppard some time ago, in which it was suggested that the local committee consider the matter well. It was asked, in this letter, if the Southern Education meeting in December would interfere with the national meeting, and it was suggested that if Atlanta, for any reason, could not entertain the convention, the place of meeting would be changed to Washington.

In reply to this letter, Mr. Burns wrote Mr. Sheppard what the committee was doing, and declared that everything was working toward increasing greater interest in the national meeting. He outlined the plans of the committee, and has received from Mr. Sheppard assurances of his satisfaction and no indication that the meeting will not be held in Atlanta.

The committee announces that the convention will be held in Atlanta.

CONFIRMED BY THE SENATE.

List of Nominations Acted on in Executive Session.

Washington, December 16.—The senate in executive session today confirmed the following nominations:

Secretary of Hawaii: A. L. C. Hatkins, of Hawaii.

Collector of internal revenue for the second district of Tennessee—Edward E. Buckler, of Tennessee.

Postmasters:

Arkansas—E. S. Parnell, Junction; Nanis H. Savage, Monticello; R. L. Floyd, Eldorado; F. B. Schooley, England; J. M. McClintock, Devall Bluff.

California—H. E. Meyers, Yuba City.

Kentucky—Coleman C. Wallace, Richmond; C. L. Barnes, Elizabethtown; J. B. Weller, Bardestown.

South Carolina—A. R. N. Folger, Gaffney.

Tennessee—W. M. Bray, Henderson; R. C. Couch, Bell Buckle.

CRIBB REFUSED A NEW RESPITE

Attorneys Make Another Attempt To Save Murderer's Neck.

Attorneys for Lee Cribb, the Coffee county murderer, who is to be hanged tomorrow, yesterday made an ineffectual attempt to secure another respite for their condemned client. Governor Terrell, however refused to consider the application and will let the law take its course.

Cribb's attorneys, after an examination for insanity had failed of results, went before Judge Parker of the Brunswick circuit, and filed a petition asking for a jury to try Cribb on the insanity plea. Judge Parker refused this trial, but gave his approval to a bill of exceptions carrying the case to the supreme court. The condemned man's attorneys took this course on the alleged ground that the Slaton law did not apply to Cribb, because his case was pending at the time the law was passed. It is true Cribb's trial for murder was pending, but the question of his mental condition was not.

It was on the strength of this bill of exceptions approved by Judge Parker that Cribb's attorneys asked Governor Terrell yesterday for a respite. This the governor denied because he holds that the Slaton law is applicable and that Cribb's insanity plea cannot now be taken into the courts.

The only course open to Cribb now is to ask Judge Parker for a supersedeas until the bill of exceptions can be reviewed by the supreme court. If this is denied the attorneys will have only today to ask the supreme court for a mandamus against the superior court judge to compel him to grant a supersedeas. There is barely a chance of Cribb's securing a little longer lease on life by this method, but the probabilities are he will go to the galows tomorrow as scheduled.

Ferguson Wants Time To Pray.

Following upon the heels of his refusal to grant a respite to Lee Cribb, Governor Terrell yesterday received the following telegram from Ned Jack Ferguson, a negro, who is sentenced to be hanged in worth county tomorrow:

"Isabelle, Ga., December 16, 1903: Governor J. M. Terrell, Atlanta, Ga.: I am on my knees begging God for forgiveness. Grant me a respite until He hears me.

"NED JACK FERGUSON."

This is the second telegram the governor has received from Ferguson, and in the first he also asked time to pray. The governor also received a telegram from Judge Frank Park, of the county court, requesting that a respite be granted in this case.

Ferguson at the time of the commisison of his crime was a convict working in a penitentiary camp in Worth county. In a quarrel he struck another negro convict on the head with a billet of wood, killing him almost instantly.

Governor Terrell has not yet and probably will not interfere in the execution of Ferguson.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County—ss.

Frank L. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall' Catarrh Cure.

FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.

A. W. GLEASON, Seal Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials free.

Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

HOME BOUGHT AT HOMOSASSA

Atlanta Fishermen Have Purchased an Elegant Club House.

The Homosassa Fishing Club has purchased a home.

The transaction occurred yesterday and by its close the Atlanta fishermen are supplied with a place which they can call "home" while they are on their annual fishing frolic and in which they can sit as they exchange the experiences of each day.

The place that has been purchased by the club has 70 feet of water frontage and has a depth of 700 feet. It has ten room, is two stories in height and is furnished throughout.

It is known as the Casinor place. It was formerly owned by an Englishman, who recently died, and his widow has sold it to the club. One feature of the new club house is that it is fully equipped with wharves and boat houses.

The Homosassa Club is composed of some of the very best known men in Atlanta. It has been in existence for more than a decade and its only object is to gather its members together once every year for a fishing excursion into Florida. It takes its name from the little town that is visited annually by the Atlantans.

The club will leave on January 12 for the annual fishing frolic and will not return to Atlanta until January 30.

During that time the Atlanta market will, as usual, be glutted with fish from Homosassa and upon the return of the club the joke market will again be glutted with a new crop of fishing anecdotes.

FALL AND WINTER HATS
Cleaned, dyed and reshaped, Bussy, 28½ Whitehall street.

DEATH BARES OLD ROMANCE

Secrets of Professor Dubois Revealed in His Will.

New York, December 16.—A romance, buried nearly half a century, has been disclosed by the filing for probate of the will made by Alpheus DuBois, who has presided over a public school of this city as principal for fifty-three years. He retired three years ago and died Sunday. The will astonished even his most intimate friends, for it showed that he had a massed a fortune valued at one-quarter to half million dollars.

The romantic interest in the will arises from the fact that a bequest is made to Professor DuBois' daughter. Not even the old schoolmasters' intimate friends, and his confidants were few, knew he had been married, and the testator, in naming the daughter, used only her given name because he did not know to whom she had been married. Investigation shows that the professor separated from his wife nearly fifty years ago. She went away, taking their little girl, and neither the husband nor his relatives ever heard from them again. They are supposed to be still alive and in this country, but where no one knows. The professor's relatives refuse to give any information regarding the affair long buried in past, but it is said the wife was a member of a well known family here.

Professor DuBois was the son of a minister. His wealth is supposed to have accumulated through shrewd investment and through savings as a teacher. For more than twelve years he lived in a small room, preparing part of his own meals, and declared he spent only a dollar or so daily, while his income grew until it reached the sum of $30,000 a year.

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It's not everybody wants to give Neckties, Gloves, and such small things.
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Not so sentimental, perhaps, but decidedly SENSIBLE.
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Double Daily Trains
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Breakfast On Dining Car
between Jesup and Jacksonville from 7:00 a. m. until 9:40 a. m., which enables passengers to be served with excellent breakfast before arrival, and this is especially desirable to passengers wishing to make connection with trains south from Jacksonville.
For rates and other information call on any agent Southern Railway or write
J. C. BEAM, Jr., District Passenger Agent, Atlanta, Ga.

Holiday Sale Growing
Our proposition to give every December customer household necessities at factory prices is proving a winner, and we increase the list this week.

No. 1, 30-pound bed	$3.60	8-day Alarm Clock	2.10
Well known Reck Spring	2.00	6-ft. Extension Oak table	3.50
Diamond Woven Wire Cot	2.00	Handsome Oak Sideboard	2.50
Comb roll edge Mattress	3.15	Enameled Japan Bed	2.75
Large feather pillows, pair	1.25	Nice Chiffoniers	6.00

Can save you money on all purchases in our line.
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This is the Seamless Warm Air Furnace that is guaranteed not to leak gas or smoke. Made of the finest locomotive steel. No fire pots to burn out. Burns common slack, soft coal. Will keep fire 72 hours with one feed. You can heat your house at a cost of 2 cents a day per room. A perfect mixer, burning all the gases, giving fresh, pure, warm air not burnt or scorched as in the old style furnaces. The most economical and sanitary heater made.



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SANTA CLAUS AND THE BOYS

Old Santa has selected our store as his base of supplies for the coming holidays. He has stored with us a tremendous lot of Christmas goods intended especially for the boys, and this house will of course be headquarters for boys all over the state through the entire season. Old Santa Claus knows where to go to get the best goods for the least money, and that's his reason for coming to us first.



Black Rubber Foot Balls.

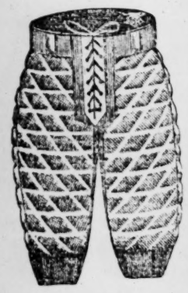
Cloth lined with keys.

No. 2, 7-inch	$ .65
No. 4, 9-inch	.90
Rugby, 12-inch	1.00

PUNCHING BAGS.

We have a fine line of Punching Bags, all of which we are selling at reduced prices for the holidays. We have real good bags at $1.50 up to $5.

BASEBALL PANTS.



In our splendid line of Baseball Goods we have a fine assortment of Baseball Pants which we are selling at greatly reduced prices---say from 65c up to $3.50 per pair. Moleskin Pants, $3 to $4; Kha-Ki Pants with quilted knees and hips and cane thigh guards, $1.50 to $2.

BRACKET SAWS.

These are not toys, but good, practical machines, out of which a boy can get a lot of amusement and profit. Large sheet of new patterns goes with each saw.



Rodgers' Foot Power Bracket,	$4.50
Gricket, Foot Power	3.50
" Hand Power, wood frame	1.00
Gricket, Hand Power, iron frame	1.25

RIFLES.



Hamilton Rifle, $1.50.

Stephens' Crack Shot	$3.00	Daisy Air Rifle	$1.00 and $1.25
Krag Jorgenson	$4.50	Chicago Wood Air Rifle	75c

Single Barrel Shot Guns.

King's Non-Ejector $5.50

King's Patented Ejector....$6.00



Stephens' Patent Trigger Break ..$6.00
Same with Patented Ejector $7.50
Stephens' Hammerless, Patent Ejector, with Trigger Break $10.00

Boys' Express Wagons.

These are not toys or playthings only, but good, serviceable Wagons, made of iron out and out, except the bottom of body. These Wagons are every one made for service, and they will stand a whole lot of rough usage. Sizes 1 or 3 will easily carry a 100-pound sack of flour, and the larger sizes will carry one barrel of flour.



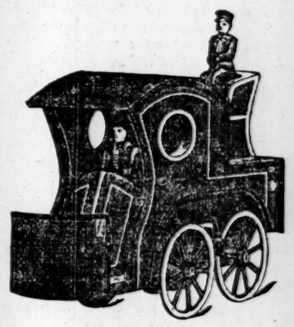
NO.	SIZE OF BODY.	SIZE OF WHEELS.	PRICE.
04—	9x18-in.	6 and 9-in.	$ .75
03—	10x20-in.	7 and 10-in.	.90
02—	11x22-in.	8 and 11-in.	1.00
0—	12x24-in.	8 and 12-in.	1.25
1—	13x26-in.	10 and 14-in.	1.50
2—	14x28-in.	12 and 16-in.	1.75
3—	15x30-in.	14 and 18-in.	2.00
4—	16x32-in.	16 and 18-in.	2.75
5—	18x36-in.	18 and 22-in.	4.00
W—	12x24-in.	8 and 12-in.	1.25
X—	13x26-in.	8 and 12-in.	1.50
Y—	14x28-in.	10 and 14-in.	1.75
Z—	15x30-in.	11 and 15-in.	2.00
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No. 18	Tricycles	$3.50
No. 20	Tricycles	4.50
No. 18½	Tricycles, rubber tires	5.00
No. 20½	Tricycles, rubber tires	6.00
Hook and Ladder		2.50
No. 102	Toledo Carts	.50
No. 3	Sulkies	4.00
No. 4	Sulkies	5.00
No. 3	Harness Sulkies	2.25
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Cycle Tandems		5.50
Cab Wagons		2.50
Fire Patrols		1.25

Motor Trucks		$1.25
Spring Runabout		1.25
No. 1	Bow and Arrow	.10
No. 2	Bow and Arrow	.25
No. 3	Bow and Arrow	.50
No. 1	Arrows, per doz.	.20
No. 2	Arrows, per doz.	.35
No. 3	Arrows, per doz.	.35
No. 200	Combination Bank	.40
No. 500	Combination Bank	.75
No. 50	National Safe	.35
No. 160	Leader Safe	.25
No. 55	Globe Safe	.50
No. 105	Columbus Safe	.50
Sky Scraper (small)		.10
Sky Scraper (medium)		.25
Sky Scraper (large)		.50

HILL CLIMBERS.

These Toys are moved by friction power, each one of them being equipped with the new patent self-adjustable friction distributing idler. This new movement has twenty times the power of any friction toy heretofore made. The slightest push starts the toy off, and, by pressing down and giving two or three hard pushes before turning the toy loose, plenty of momentum will be given to run the toy several hundred feet on a smooth, level surface. The rougher the children handle it, and the harder they bear down, the further the toy will go. It runs up hill or down, over floors, yard, sidewalks, etc.



AUTOMOBILES.

10½ inches long, 4½ inches wide, 8 inches high. This is patterned after the latest Automobiles. Can be given high rate of speed, and each toy is tested before sent from the factory. Much attention has been given to the finish of this toy, and nothing better could be made for the money.

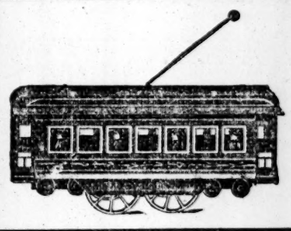
Price $1.25



BOYS' TOOL CHEST.

We have three sizes of these Tool Chests, all filled with useful tools. Prices:

No. 1	$2.50
No. 2	3.50
No. 3	4.00



TROLLEY COACH.

15 in. long, 4½ in. wide, 6¾ in. high.

By removing the trolley, this toy becomes a passenger car and can be run by itself or attached to the engine, both having couplers.

Price $1.25

DAY COACH.

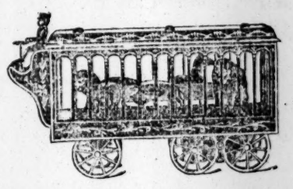
13 in. long, 4½ in. wide, 6¾ in. high.

This is nearly as large, but much lighter than the trolley. Has couplings.

Price 65c



CIRCUS MENAGERIE.



17½ in. long, 5 in. wide, 10½ in. high. This is a faithful reproduction in miniature of the average circus menagerie wagon and contains 5 ferocious animals, all of which move cleverly around the cage when the toy is in motion. Price.. .. ..$1.98

Fire Engine.

11-in. long, 4-in. wide, 9-in. high.

This is an exact model of the very newest thing in Automobile Fire Engines now seen in large cities, and is absolutely something new in the way of a toy. It is made of steel, has a moving piston-rod and pump wheels which operate when the power is on.

Price.. .. ..$1.25



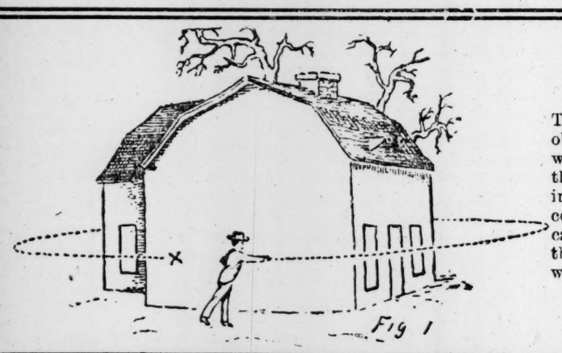
AUTOMOBILE.



7½ in. long, 4 in. wide, 7 in. high. This toy is modeled after the latest racing machines and is itself a fast runner, equipped with full friction movement. The toy is brightly painted, and it is a wonder for the money.

Price, only..... 50c

We carry a fine line of DUMB BELLS, INDIAN CLUBS, etc., which we are selling at special prices.



BRIST---A New Lawn Game.

The Boomerang with which this new game is played is one of the most novel inventions of the age. By observing the printed instructions which go with each Boomerang, anyone, man or woman, boy or girl, can with very little practice, do many incredible things with it. For instance, the Boomerang thrown through the air in a horizontal line, will make a perfect curve or circle of from 30 to 100 feet in diameter, according to size of Boomerang, and return with perfect accuracy to the hands of the thrower. It may be thrown completely around a house, returning to the hand which throws it. It may be thrown under a train of cars, made to pass out on the opposite side, curve upward and return over top of car to the hand which threw it. These are just a few things that may be done with the Boomerang. By following instructions which go with each one, almost an endless lot of amusements may be had with it.

Price 25 Cents Each.

VELOCIPEDES

No. 0	$1.50
No. 1	1.75
No. 2	2.00

RUBBER TIRES.

No. 6	$3.50
No. 7	4.00



ENGINE.

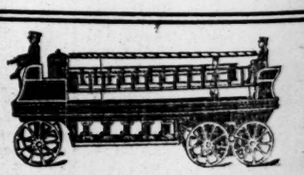


18½-in. long, 5-in. wide, 7-in. high. An exact representation of one of the largest American locomotives. It has steel tender double action, double reversible piston rod and an automatic gong which rings when the engine is in motion. New coupling attachments are provided so that cars may be attached. The engine has power enough to pull a dozen cars. Price.. .. ..$1.25

KING HARDWARE CO.

HOOK AND LADDER.

19-in. long, 4½-in. wide, 9-in. high. This is a true model of the new Hook and ladder used in large cities. It is made of steel and best selected wood, and carries an extension ladder and stand-pipe—something never before attempted in a toy. Price.. .. ..$1.25



MYSTERY VEILS PECULIAR FIRE

Sewing Machine Destroyed by Blaze That Appeared To Ignite in Its Interior.

A peculiar fire in which a sewing machien was totally destroyed while nothing else in the room was even scorched, occurred last night shortly before 9 o'clock at the residence of Sid Phelan, 74 East Ellis street. An alarm from box 15 called the fire department to the scene, but the firemen found little for them to do.

No one was in the room at the time the fire originated and its cause is enveloped in mystery. The interior of the sewing machine became ignited in some manner and a few minutes later when a member of the family started into the room the place was found to be filled with smoke. The flames were quickly extinguished, but not before the sewing machine had been reduced to ruins.

The floor of the room is covered with a carpet and on this and the walls and other furniture was left no trace whatever of the fire. All appearances indicated that the fire broke out in the interior of the machine. Mr. Phelan had been in the room shortly before the fire was discovered and was smoking a pipe at the time, but he says he did not even lay the pipe on the machine. While the damage was not great, the cause of the fire was puzzling to those who investigated it.

POSSES CHASING A NEGRO.

He Committed a Brutal Assault on Alabama Lady.

Montgomery, Ala., December 16.—Monday night near Eleta, Ala., Mrs. S. J. Tarver was attacked at her home by a negro. The woman's skull was fractured by a blow from a club, but she is still alive. Posses of enraged citizens are in search of her assailant. Robbery was the supposed object of the attack.

METHODISTS OF THE NORTH.

They Will Hold Their Annual Conference at Ellijay.

Ellijay, Ga., December 16.—(Special).—The Georgia annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal church convenes here tomorrow.

Bishop Earle Cranston, of Portland, Ore., has already arrived and will preside. Delegates are arriving on all trains.

The appointments will be announced next Monday.

SMITH TO HANG FOR HIS CRIME

Carroll County Wife Murderer Found Guilty Without Recommendation.

Carrollton, Ga., December 16.—(Special) The trial of Robert Smith, the young man held for murder of his young wife, in the superior court here this week, was concluded Wednesday evening by a verdict from the jury which means death for the prisoner as they failed to recommend him to mercy.

Attorneys representing Smith by the appointment of the court, made a strong effort to establish Smith's insanity and throughout the trial Smith sat unmoved, peering downward and at times toward the bench, looking through long and tangled hair, wearing a dirty and unshaven face, never noticing any one or speaking to anybody and when placed on the stand kept his silence and was brought away without uttering a word.

After remaining out a little more than an hour the jury agreed on a verdict without recommendation to mercy.

SEA OF AZOF DISAPPEARS LEAVING SHIPS STRANDED

St. Petersburg, December 16.—The sea of Azof is disappearing and remarkable scenes are in course of enaction. At Taganig, the waters have receded to such an extent during the last five days that the bed of the sea is visible for a distance of thousands of feet.

High winds hurled clouds of sand shoreward, covering the town. Vessels are lying high and dry, and the greatest confusion prevails in the harbor. Work in the factories has had to be reduced to a minimum owing to lack of water.

TRAIN STRUCK SECTION GANG

One Hand Killed and Another Injured by Being Struck by Flying Body—Unusual Accident on Atlanta and West Point.

LaGrange, Ga., December 16.—The Atlanta and West Point train, which reaches here at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, ran into a gang of section hands at Cannonville, a small negro town, in this county, about six miles below LaGrange, and killed one and injured aother.

The hands were at work on the track, and it seems that one of them did not get off the track in time, and was struck by the train and instantly killed.

His body was hurled by the engine into the face of another section ahnd, injuring the latter badly.

Planter Killed by Negro.

Shreveport, La., December 16.—J. T. Watkins, a prominent Red river planter and merchant, was shot and killed by his negro driver, George Manuel, early today. The killing occurred near Coushatta, La., and robbery was the motive for the crime.

JOHNSON BOOMS SOUTH GEORGIA

That Section of the State Interested in Agricultural Work.

Athens, Ga., December 16.—Prof. J. M. Johnson, of the agricultural department turned from a trip to South Georgia, where he has been assisting Hon. Harvie Jordan in the work of establishing farmers' institutes.

Professor Johnson says that during the week he stayed in that section of the state there were established five institutes and that large crowds attended at all places where the meetings had been properly advertised, and that even where the advertising of the meeting had been very small the crowds were larger than expected. The farmers are taking a great deal of interest in these institutes, and in the opinion of Professor Johnson they are destined to do a great deal of good in the way of advancing the agricultural interests of the state.

Mr. Jordan has been engaged in this work under the direction of the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts a little less than ten months and during that time has established institutes in forty-three of the forty-four senatorial districts of the state. Only one more senatorial district is to be organized by Mr. Jordan before the work he set out to do will be accomplished. The work of keeping the interest in the institutes alive will then have to be looked after, and it is believed that they will increase in interest from month to month.

Mr. Jordan has found during his rounds that the farmers of the state are greatly interested in all the work that is being done for the advancement of agriculture and that they appreciate the efforts of the University of Georgia in organizing these institutes.

Held for Murder in Florida.

Palatka, Fla., December 16.—A white man, giving his name as McManus, was arrested here last night, just as he was about to board the steamer City of Jacksonville. McManus is wanted in Lancaster, S. C., where he is charged with murder. After his arrest he confessed to the killing for which he was arrested.

Opera House Manager Dead.

Paris, December 16.—Edmond Maisse Frete, manager of the French opera house at New Orleans, died here today. His funeral will take place tomorrow.

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BRANSON CHOSEN TO HEAD SCHOOL

State Normal President Given Reelection.

Miss Parrish, Against Whom Charges Were Made, Exonerated and Also Reelected—Resolutions Are Adopted Declaring Rumors Untrue.

Athens, Ga., December 16.—(Special)—The state normal school commission met here this afternoon and was in session from 2 o'clock until nearly midnight.

At the request of Miss Parrish, teacher of pedagogy in that institution, the commission made a full investigation of the article in the Macon Telegraph from Atlanta, charging that she had rather improper views on the subject of negro education and the result was her complete exoneration.

President Branson, Miss Parrish and other members of the faculty were reelected by the commission.

All day long the members of the commission have been receiving telegrams from the representatives of the American Book Co., relative to the rumor that the company was seeking to compass the defeat of President Branson on account of his having refused to order his heads of departments to use the books of that company. The commission replied to the telegrams that they had not been approached by the company and that they knew nothing whatever of any effort to interfere in the choice of the books used at the normal school.

The commission passed unanimously the following resolution:

Resolutions Adopted.

"There appeared in The Macon Telegraph of the 15th instant an article in reference to the teaching of Miss C. C. Parrish, teacher of pedagogy in the State Normal school, alleging that during one of her lectures before her class she made use of the following language, that the highest honor ever paid her was when she was tendered the principalship of a negro school and that she urged the policy of sending out teachers from the normal school to engage in the work of educating the negroes of the state.

"These statements, if true, are calculated to do this school a great injury; if not true a great injustice would be done Miss Parrish. At the request of Miss Parrish the state normal school commission, in session today in Athens, has made a full and complete investigation of the facts involved with the following result:

"After having before the commission all the members of the present senior class, and members of other classes who were present at the time Miss Parrish is alleged to have made the statements, the unanimous testimony of all the witnesses was that Miss Parrish had never said that the highest honor ever paid her was when she was tendered the principalship of a negro school and that she had not urged upon them the policy of sending out teachers from the normal school to engage in the work of educating the negroes of this state.

"It further developed in this investigation that the only reference so far as the evidence discloses that Miss Parrish made to the question of instructing negroes was in response to a question asked her by Normal School Commissioner A. D. Hammock, of Rockdale county, touching her views upon the subject of negro education and over his own signature Mr. Hammock states that she never used the language or expressed the sentiment attributed to her, and concluding his letter says:

Mr. Hammock's Statement.

"I think this was about her view, that the education of the negroes of the south ought to be directed by the southern white people, and that their institutions of learning ought to be controlled by us, that as teachers we ought to feel an interest in their intellectual development and have the spirit to lend them a helping hand in the school room if conditions really demanded it, and that if we did not educate the negro and teach him to love us and to love our institutions that others would educate him and would probably teach him to hate us, and to hate our institutions.

"I never did hear her make a statement that would have offended the well informed, refined southern gentleman. And it affords me pleasure to be in a position where I can render some service to Miss Parrish in seeing that she is not misrepresented in this.

"It was also developed in the investigation that the discussion giving rise to the statement contained in The Telegraph was delivered before the freshman class some eighteen months ago, the middle of April, 1902. This whole matter was investigated by the faculty of the State Normal school a year ago and their findings were expressed in the following language.

"In the opinion of the faculty Miss Parrish has been guilty of nothing worse than expressing a generous Christian interest in a backward race.'

"The State Normal school commission finds in the remarks made by Miss Parrish nothing offensive whatever and completely exonerates her."

BARNES IS NOT A CANDIDATE.

United States Marshal W. Not Oppose Johnson for the Chairmanship.

Macon, Ga., December 16.—(Special.)—United States Marshal John M. Barnes of the southern district of Georgia is not now and will not under any conditions oppose Hon. Walter Johnson for chairmanship of the state republican executive committee.

Speaking of the mention of his name in connection with the position Marshal Barnes today said:

"I am in no sense of the word, neither have I ever been, nor do I expect to ever be a candidate for the state chairmanship. When the state convention meets in April next, that will be about the date, the delegates in attendance will consider no man for the place other than Walter Johnson. And in my opinion that is as it should be. It will be Johnson again as sure as Walter Johnson lives and the state republican convention meets. About that there can be no mistake."

FIREMAN SHOT THRO' WINDOW

R. G. Anderson Receives Bullet in His Neck at No. 5 Engine House.

A mysterious shooting occurred yesterday afternoon about 1 o'clock at No. 5 fire engine house on Peters street, as a result of which R. G. Anderson, of 27 Pulliam street, driver of No. 5 hose wagon, was painfully wounded in the neck.

Anderson was shot by a pistol bullet that crashed through one of the front windows of the engine house and imbedded itself in his neck as he stood a short distance inside of the door. From whence the bullet came or who fired the shot or the purpose of the shot is unknown.

The bullet passed through Anderson's linen collar and plowed its way into his neck, but only for a short distance. The piece of lead was extracted and while the wound is painful, it is not considered serious. The fireman was able to walk to his home on Pulliam street after being shot.

The matter was quickly reported to the police and Chief Ball detailed Detective Lockhart to investigate the shooting. The detective has been unable so far, however, to gain any clew that would tend to shed light on the mystery. The circumstances appear to indicate that the shot was fired from in the direction of the railroad.

GUNS LANDED ON ISTHMUS

Machine and Automatic Death Dealers Sent Ashore from Dixie.

Colon, December 16.—The U. S. auxiliary cruiser Dixie is alongside the dock here landing stores, Christmas cheer, camp material, etc. She disembarked her marines, numbering 330, this morning. They all left by train for Empire Station, near Panama, where they will be quartered in the canal company's houses. Fifteen machine guns and six automatic guns accompanied the marines. The Dixie will sail for Philadelphia today.

It is probable that the remainder of the marines on the Prairie will be landed in a day or two.

The Panama government received yesterday by the steamer Allianca five hundred cases of mauser and remington cartridges, twenty-five cases of rifles and other war material.

The auxiliary cruiser Mayflower is alongside the dock coaling. The gunboat Bancroft has returned from Nombre de Dios.

The U. S. cruiser Atlanta is still cruising along the coast.

Reyes Silent About Loomis.

Washington, December 16.—The speech of Assistant Secretary of State Loomis last night at the banquet of the Quill Club in New York, in which he laid bare some facts regarding the attitude of Colombia toward the Hay-Herran treaty, was the subject of considerable gossip here today, and there was much speculation as to the effect it would have on the future course of General Reyes, the special envoy of Colombia now in Washington. When seen today, General Reyes admitted that he had read Mr. Loomis' address, but declined to make a statement.

"I am a diplomat," said he, "and it would ill become me to make any comment."

General Reyes is still engaged in the preparation of the statement he will submit to the state department, and while refusing to disclose the nature of it, said that much of it will be devoted to an argument setting out the reasons why the United States should see to it that Panama shall assume her share of the Colombian debt. General Reyes is uncertain when he will file the document with the department, but he thought it would be within the next few days.

Marines for Colon.

At the instance of Secretary Moody, Brigadier General George F. Elliott, commandant of the marine corps, has issued orders for the formation of a battalion of marines to be known as the Caribbean sea battalion. This battalion will be regularly attached to the Caribbean sea squadron, though its immediate destination is Colon. It will be assembled at Philadelphia as rapidly as possible, and the Dixie already has left Colon to return to that place with the new battalion.

Rear Admiral Coghlan, in a cablegram to the navy department dated Colon, December 15, says that all is quiet on the northern coast.

A big expressman brought the Hay-Bunau-Varilla Panama canal treaty, inclosed in a large steel box, to the state department today, and deposited it in the office of Check Clerk Michael. The expressman also had two tin boxes which contained keys to the big steel box and to the smaller box contained within, inclosing the treaty. The various boxes were prettily sealed with red and blue silk ribbons, with a tag bearing an address to Minister Bunau-Varilla, care of John Hay, secretary of state.

HAD HIS POCKETS PICKED.

Henry Thompson, a New York Drummer, Lost Watch and Money Last Night.

Henry Thompson, a well-known New York traveling man, reported to Captain Moon at the police barracks last night at 1:30 o'clock that he had been robbed of a fine gold watch and that his pockets had been picked in front of the Kimball house a few minutes previous to his appearance at the station. He said he was confident that he knew the man who committed the robbery and an officer was detailed to accompany him and attempt to arrest the thief.

WAR SHIP GIVEN CONSUL DAVIS

On Floating Fortress He'll Return to Alexandretta.

United States Will Demand Reparation for the Assault on Davis. After Being Attacked Davis Thrashed Five Turkish Policemen.

Washington, December 16.—As a result of Minister Leishman's advice respecting the Alexandretta affair, the state department has requested the navy department to place a war ship at the disposal of Consul Davis, now at Beirut, upon which he might return to Alexandratta at his pleasure. The navy department accordingly cabled instructions to Admiral Cotton, on board the flag ship Brooklyn, at Alexandretta, Egypt, to place a vessel at the disposal of Mr. Davis. It is believed the Brooklyn will be selected. It is left to the consul to arrange the terms of his reception.

Acting Secretary of State Adee has taken a firm stand in the matter of the assault upon United States Consul W. R. Davis by Turkish officials and the police at Alexandreta. He has cabled Minister Leishman to present the facts to Turkish government and inform that government that the case is one seeming to invite an expression of regret and reparation. The state department does not indicate what measure of reparation is expected, but it is understood that the Turkish government certainly will by removal or otherwise punish the offending Turkish officials at Alexandretta and compensate Attrain for the losses and injuries he has sustained. The Turkish government is willing to compensate Attrain and deport him.

It is understood that the main offense is the assault upon the United States consul, a matter of gravity in international law. The information that has reached the department is to the effect that Mr. Davis was acting entirely within his rights and powers and that while engaged in protecting, as was his duty, a naturalized American citizen, he was set upon by five Turkish policemen and dragged along the ground. It so appeared incidentally that upon recovering his footing, the consul promptly and soundly thrashed all five of the policemen.

MRS. MANNING WINS THE PLACE

New York Woman Elected President by the Lady Managers.

St. Louis, December 16.—Mrs. Daniel Manning, Albany, N. Y., was today elected president of the world's fair board of lady managers, vice Mrs. James L. Blair, resigned. She received 13 out of 15 votes.

Mrs. Manning had no opposition. She was nominated by Miss Helen Gould, who made a short speech reviewing her qualifications.

A resolution was adopted calling on the national commission to suspend the rule limiting the number of members of the board to 21, so as to elect an additional member.

The resolution was adopted for the purpose of having Mrs. John T. Davis of St. Louis made a member of the board.

BLACKS LAUDED BY CARNEGIE

Ironmaster Millionaire Praises Negroes in Speech at New York.

New York, December 16.—At a meeting here today of the Armstrong Association, Andrew Carnegie surprised his hearers by asserting that he believed Great Britain would surely some day lose South Africa. He said:

"It is about as certain as we are living that Great Britain will lose South Africa because the Dutch people there are increasing, while the British are not. The Kaffirs won't work. What would Great Britain give for nine million negroes, as placable and as lovable as those in this country? These men give us about eleven million bales of cotton every year, and this, I contend, helps make the United States the most powerful nation in the world. Suppose a fleet of British war ships should attack us. The president as commander in chief of the army and navy need only raise his hand and say stop exporting cotton and the war would be won. What a happy country this is to have the negro.

"My knowledge of the question leads me to the opinion that no political measure can ever save or benefit the negro. The Hampton institute shows the only useful solution."

The association named after General S. C. Armstrong, founder of Hampton institute, carries on the work in behalf of the negro which General Armstrong began.

Dry Folks Name Kansas City.

Chicago, December 16.—The next national convention of the prohibition party will be held in Kansas City on Wednesday, June 29. This was determined at a meeting of the committee of the party held here today. The report of Treasurer Samuel Dickie, of Michigan, showed that the committee had paid all its bills and had $7,000 to begin its next presidential campaign.

WOMAN'S BODY IS IDENTIFIED

Dead Woman at Lithonia Proves To Be Emma Mitchell.

The body of the woman found four miles from Lithonia and thought to be that of Ada Cay, of Porterdale, was yesterday identified as the body of Emma Mitchell, of 189 Highland avenue, in this city.

The body was identified by the woman's husband, Henry B. Mitchell, colored. She was a bright mulatto. It seems that she left home in the latter part of October, and in the early part of November her husband advertised for her in various papers, printing a cut of her likeness.

The coroner's jury held an inquest yesterday at Conyers and brought in a verdict to the effect that the woman was murdered by a party or parties unknown, with a blunt instrument.

Bob Harper, who was arrested for the connection with the disappearance of the Cay woman, is still held at Conyers.

Cockran Back to Congress.

New York, December 16.—W. Bourke Cockran will be nominated by Tammany hall to succeed Mayor-elect George McClellan as the representative from the twelfth congressional district. This was determined today at Mr. Cockran's office, where he met Charles F. Murphy and gave the Tammany hall leader his consent to run.

FOR THE RIGHTS OF HIS GRANDSON

Judge Reserves Decision as to Plant's Place of Residence.

By Terms of Will Largest Part of Plant's Money Goes to Children of an Infant Grandson, and Petition to Court Was in Grandson's Interest.

New Haven, Conn., December 16.—In order to guard the rights of the possible issue of an 8-year-old grandson, Judge Livingston W. Cleveland in the probate court today reserved his decision on the petition of parties interested in the estate of the late millionaire, Henry B. Plant, asking the court to declare New York instead of New Haven to have been the place of Mr. Plant's legal residence at the time of his death in New York in 1899.

By the terms of Mr. Plant's will the major portion of his estate, which amounted at his death to $17,000,000, was to be kept intact for several decades and be given in full to the children of the infant grandson, Henry Bradley Plant, its value by that time being estimated at $80,000,000.

By the petition on which a hearing was held today, Charles E. Hoadley, Emma K. Hoadley and Horace G. Hoadley, all of Waterbury, abandoned their contention which had caused much litigation in the courts, that New Haven was Mr. Plant's legal residence, and united with the executors of the will, Morton P. Plant and George H. Tilley, of New York, in asking the court to proclaim New York to have been his residence. The New York supreme court has already decided that Mr. Plant's residence was in New York City, but heretofore the Hoadley heirs have endeavored to keep the administration of the estate in Connecticut and have contested its removal to the New York court's jurisdiction. In the statements made by the several attorneys today, it appeared that the parties in interest had agreed to accept a decree recognizing the validity of the New York court's decision and making the administration of the estate in Connecticut ancillary to that in New York, but the terms of the agreement were not mentioned.

In response to an inquiry from the court for more light on the matter of the rights of the unborn, the attorneys set forth that legal notice had been given all persons who could in any way have an interest in the estate, including the grandson and that such legal service was all that could be given.

The court reserved decision, saying that it wished to give careful consideration to the matter of the rights of the unborn and also to determine whether the probate courts of Connecticut are bound by a decision of a court of general jurisdiction in another state.

It is said that one of the results of the granting of the petition and the transfer of administration to New York would be the vitiating of the provision bequeathing the estate to the issue of the grandson, the laws of New York discountenancing such bequests in perpetuity, while the Connecticut laws sanction them, and that the distribution of the estate might be permitted.

Mrs. Margaret F. Plant, the widow, who is an executor of the will, did not appear as a signer of the petition to the probate court.

Judge Cleveland appointed Lucius F. Robinson, of New Haven, counsel for the grandson; Henry Bradley Plant, as his guardian ad litem. He also appointed William H. Ely, of this city, as guardian ad litem for the three Hoadley children.

ITALIAN VESSEL IN ASHES.

Ten Persons Dead as Result of Conflagration.

Marseilles, France, December 16.—The Italian bark San Leonardo, from Philadelphia, October 12, for Cetto, was destroyed by fire tonight. The flames were started by an explosion of petroleum of which the vessel contained 5,587 barrels, and quickly spread throughout the vessel and thence to thirty laden freight wagons on the quay and to a schooner.

The fire was not brought under control until 10 o'clock tonight. It resulted in the death of ten persons and the serious injury of two, while several persons received minor injuries.

BRITONS CHEER CHAMBERLAIN

Former Secretary Closes Fiscal Campaign at Leeds.

He Addresses Two Great Audiences and His Plea for Change in Fiscal Policy of Great Britain Is Heartily Cheered by Hearers.

Leeds, December 16.—Joseph Chamberlain addressed two immense audiences tonight, making the last speeches of his fiscal campaign for the present year.

From the moment of Mr. Chamberlain's arrival in Leeds the enthusiasm was tremendous. The appearance of Mr. Chamberlain on the platform, accompanied by Mrs. Chamberlain, was the signal for an ovation, which continued for many minutes.

The first speech was made in the coliseum and was listened to by three thousand persons, and a similar number attended the overflow meeting held afterwards in the town hall.

The feature of Mr. Chamberlain's speech at the coliseum was his announcement of the fact that he has been engaged in getting together a committee to make inquiries among the various branches of trade at home and abroad, the work of which committee he expected will result in clearing away many difficulties. The committee will consist of about thirty business men of the highest standing, who will begin their work in the near future. It will be composed of men from all centers of industry, both in the United Kingdom and in the colonies. Sub-committees will be formed to deal with each branch of trade and to take exhaustive evidence, meeting twice a week until their work is finished. When the reports are completed Mr. Chamberlain said he expected to be in a position to formulate a tariff bill acceptable to the country, which will not only foster imperial trade, which will enable Great Britain to give trade advantages to those who are prepared to render her similar favors. Continuing Mr. Chamberlain said:

"We have gone a long way in the direction of forming a commission, not an official commission, but a non-politic commission of experts, to consider the present condition of imperial trade and to find remedies for its defects.

"It will invite before it witnesses from every trade and industry and after hearing all of them this commission will frame a model tariff measure. When the government is ripe for action a tariff bill will be presented on which the public will have every opportunity of expressing its opinion."

The rest of Mr. Chamberlain's speech was largely a repetition of his former arguments. He said he had been blamed for saying that preferential trade with the colonies would not mean an addition to the cost of living. In answer to this Mr. Chamberlain quoted a letter from Charles Booth, of the firm of Alfred Booth & Co., of Liverpool, in which Mr. Booth said that he did not think Mr. Chamberlain's proposals would add to the cost of living, but that even if they did, that fact would not, in Mr. Booth's opinion, detract from the merits of the said proposals, which, if carried out with reasonable prudence, would undoubtedly conduce to the national and imperial prosperity.

Chamberlain Plans Campaign.

London, December 16.—No one in London has given the by-election to parliament from the Lewisham and Dulwich districts of two supporters of Joseph Chamberlain's fiscal policy, such proofs of its enthusiastic approval of preferential and retaliatory tariffs, the movement may be expected to attain a greatly increased impetus throughout the country. Indeed, Mr. Chamberlain's plans already are in a more forward condition than generally known. He has engaged in getting together a committee to make inquiries among the various branches of trade at home and abroad whose work he expects will result in clearing away many difficulties. The committee will consist of about thirty men of business training and the highest standing and will begin work in the near future. Men from all the centers of industry, both in the United Kingdom and in the colonies will participate in this inquiry. Sub-committees will be formed to deal with each branch of traders. They will meet tri-weekly until the business is finished. When the reports are completed, Mr. Chamberlain expects to be in a position to formulate a tariff bill acceptable to the country and which will not only foster imperial trade, but which will enable Great Britain to give trade advantages to those who are prepared to render her similar favors.

REPORT ON POLICE WORK.

Officer Gloer, Special Investigator, Recites Important Facts to the Chief.

Mounted Policeman J. M. Gloer, detailed by Chief of Police John W. Ball as a special investigating officer of the police department, has made his annual report to the chief, in which is recited some important facts and figures affecting this special department of police work. This detail of a special investigating officer was originated by Chief Ball and he is greatly pleased with the showing made in the annual report.

The report shows that during the year Officer Gloer has made 150 cases for violations of city ordinances and twenty-four cases for violations of state laws and that he has recovered stolen goods to the amount of $192.50.

Other features of the report are as follows: Number of investigations made on written requests from mayors, sheriffs, chiefs of police, mothers and fathers and other persons throughout the United States, 397; number of cases of destitution reported to the police department, found deserving and assisted by city warden, 252; number of cases made for cruelty to children, 7; number of cases made for cruelty to animals, 9; number of children gathered from the slums and given comfortable homes, 63; number of horses and mules found on the streets unfit for service and ordered off of the streets until fit for service, 89.

It is also shown that Officer Gloer had four persons adjudged insane and sent to the state asylum, that he sent 18 persons to the county alms house; that he placed in the hospital 12 persons who were unable to care for themselves. He also sent 10 persons out of the city to relatives. The number of boys placed in the reformatory was 7 and the number of disreputable women moved on three days' notice from respectable neighborhoods was 47. Officer Gloer also has general supervision of all hacks, after inspection by the chief of police.

OLD STATESMEN IN CONFERENCE

Elder Jap Solons Are Considering Reply of Russia.

Tokio, Japan, December 16.—In consequence of Russia's reply, a special conference of the elder statesmen of Japan, including Marquis Ito, and the cabinet ministers, is proceeding here today. It is understood that the statesmen are considering the adoption of a firm stand against Russia.

General Kodama, the war minister, was present for the first time at the conference.

There is renewed activity at the admiralty in view of a possible naval demonstration.

War Not Likely.

Paris, December 16.—Well-informed diplomatic circles believe that, despite the news regarding the Russo-Japanese situation, that war will not occur. It is said that Japan has introduced into the negotiations new demands which Russia did not expect when she presented her recent note, and it is added that the czar hardly would have made the concessions in respect to Korea, unless he had been convinced that Japan would not extend her demands. The sympathetic attitude of the British press toward Japan is regarded as exercising a stiffening influence in that country, but the British government has not changed its policy and is working to prevent war, so far as is known in Paris.

FATHER HEARS FROM LOST SON

George Aderhold Heard from First Time Since Civil War.

Carrollton, Ga., December 16.—(Special.) George W. Aderhold, a young man, who went as a volunteer to the confederate army in the civil war, at the age of 18 years, has been mourned by his aged father, Michael Aderhold, of Tallapoosa, Ga., as dead for nearly forty years, never having a trace of him until the past week, when there came an inquiry from Canton, Ohio, to Sheriff Tanner, of this county, as to the family of the Aderholds, of this county, to which he belonged.

The letter was delivered to Oscar Aderhold, a prominent young merchant here, who is a nephew of the missing man. Correspondence was opened up and it develops that after the war George W. Aderhold went west, and, after trying in vain to learn of his relatives in this, his old home county, abandoned the idea, and believed the family scattered. After several years' residence in the west, he went to Canton, Ohio, and has lived there since.

The letter is from a son, whose message indicates that he is a man of considerable consequence. The father, Michael Aderhold, is 94 year old, strong and vigorous, and reads the daily papers without glasses. Into the departing soldier boy's family have been born brothers and sisters since, who have grown to manhood and themselves reared children, who are now grown—all since the sad parting and all believing that he died in the confederate service.

Mr. Aderhold, of Ohio, has a brother, Milton R. Aderhold, in this county, who is a prominent and influential citizen and foreman of the late grand jury of the county. Other representative people here belong to the family.

It is expected that the correspondence will lead to a visit of the long departed man to his aged father and other relatives here.

AUSTRIA TRUE TO DREIBUND

Emperor Francis Joseph Says He'll Stand by Triple Alliance.

Vienna, December 16.—Emperor Francis Joseph today received the Austro-Hungarian delegation. The speech from the throne was chiefly notable for its strong affirmation of the emperor's determination to maintain the dreibund.

"By a renewal of the triple alliance," he said, "this well proved basis of our policy, which we have determined to maintain henceforth, has been consolidated for the future."

The speech referred to the death of Pope Leo to the gratifying foreign relations of the dual monarchy and to the close harmony between Austria and Russia in regard to the Balkans, with the object "of maintaining peace and the status quo in those regions, in which we are receiving the energetic support of the other great powers."

The emperor also said Austria and Russia had no selfish aims in the Balkans, and only have in view the establishment of peace, in the interest of the whole of Europe to which end Austria-Hungary was endeavoring to induce Turkey to improve the position of the Christians and to restrain Bulgaria from encouraging revolt.

After mentioning the visits of my dear ally, the German emperor, the czar of Russia and the king of England, who gave the desired opportunity for a personal exchange of views in regard to the Balkans and all other questions at present engaging the chancelleries, the speech continued:

"In Servia a change of dynasty has been brought about by a crime which must fill every civilized being with horror. It is to be hoped that this country, under its new ruler, may be directed towards its moral regeneration and a prosperous future."

The speech concluded with saying that the war office appropriation would be the same as last year, and it only asks for money to manufacture new quick firing guns, the work to be commenced in 1904.

DOWIE IS GOING TO INVADE SOUTH

Prophet Thinks He Can Do Well in Dixie.

He Says That More Zion Cities Are Needed, and He Thinks That They Will Flourish in This Section of the Country.

Chicago, December 16.—(Special.)—"I shall establish a branch of Zion City somewhere in the south, although I have not yet selected the spot," said John Alexander Dowie.

"I have come to see clearly that we shall have to build more cities in order to give our toilers work the year round."

Owing to the severe weather the inhabitants of Zion, pitifully short of provisions, clothing and funds, are in sorry plight and "Elijah" proposes to establish a southern colony and send his followers back and forth with the seasons. One result of the Zion receivership is the closing and removal of Dowie's branch back at 1200 Michigan avenue, Chicago, to Zion City. This was done the first of the week. The closing of the Chicago branch bank was on instructions from the general overseer himself and its discontinuance is permanent. Its entire equipment and staff of employees is removed to Zion City and absorbed by the head bank recently started there. Zion bank in Chicago was opened March 1, 1899. Charles J. Barnard, Dowie's present financial manager, was the first cashier and only bank employee. In August, 1899, Dowie's enemies attempted to wreck it by a run, but did not succeed. In 1900 the main bank was removed to Zion City and the Chicago bank became only a branch. What business it does is unknown to outsiders, but Dowie claims it to foot up $1,000,000 a week now.

Dr. Dowie has completed arrangements for his trip around the world. He will hold a farewell reception on New Years day. In his party, which is to sail from Vancouver for Australia January 8, will be Overseer J. G. Excell, Deacons Arthur W. Newcomb, Carl F. Stern and Ernest Williams. Overseer Speicher is to be in charge of Zion's affairs in Dowie's absence.

EVICTED PAIR SECURE HOME

King's Daughters Take Charge of Them—Girardeau's Statement.

J. A. Blacker and his daughter, Miss Minnie Blacker, who were evicted yesterday from their home on Whitehall street, were taken in charge by the King's Daughters, and rooms for themselves and their furniture have been secured. Provisions and fuel will be furnished them until they can secure enough money to take care of themselves.

Last night nothing remained in the yard at 410 Whitehall street but three old doors, a table and some scraps of carpeting. The rest of the possessions of the couple had been removed to the place secured by the King's Daughters.

It is stated that a considerable sum was raised for their benefit by Mrs. M. Turnell and other neighbors, and that this money will be used to provide for the future necessities of the aged father and his helpless daughter. Work will be secured for them, such as they are fitted to perform, and they will be placed in a position to earn a living.

The agency that has control of the house from which Blacker and his daughter were ejected, says that the place was not rented to them, but that it was let to another party, the price being $16 per month. The renter they say, did not pay the rent, and they were compelled to regain possession of the house, and in order to do this they sought the remedy offered by the law.

C. H. Girardeau, a member of the firm of real estate agents that rented the place to Arratt, said yesterday:

"The story in The Constitution this morning in reference to the serving of a dispossessary warrant on the people occupying the house at 410 Whitehall street places my firm in rather a bad light. As a matter of fact, we had no dealings with the old man and the young woman who were made to vacate the premises. We rented the place to another party for $16 per month. For the past sixty days we have been trying to collect the rent and have failed. On December 4 notice of dispossessary proceedings were served and in addition we asked the old man to notify the party renting from us. We are sorry for the people, but we could not look to them for the rent. When our tenant failed to make the proper payments we had to secure the aid of the law to regain possession of the house and to cause him to move or pay. This we did. It was a business transaction, and we regret that the old man and his daughter were the sufferers. But it was not against them that our proceedings were directed, and I am as willing as any one to help them in their distress.

"It is stated that the bailiff used a pistol. The bailiff tells me it was necessary to use a pistol to protect himself from a vicious bulldog, which was loose in the place and which the occupants refused to tie up or control in any manner. I would condemn the bailiff for any rudeness toward the woman."

Virginia at St. Louis.

Richmond, Va., December 16.—The senate today passed the bill appropriating $10,000 for a Virginia state building at the St. Louis exposition. The bill now goes to the governor.

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10-inch Chop Trays.. .. .. .. $1.75
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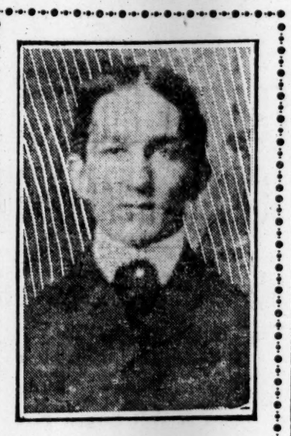
Livingston and Adamson Agree About Coweta and Campbell.

Washington, December 16.—(Special.)—Difference between citizens of Coweta and Campbell counties concerning the establishment of free rural routes along the line dividing those counties have been straightened out by Colonel Livingston and Judge Adamson, and today Judge Adamson presented the matter to the postoffice department. The department officials promised to send an agent to put in the desired routes at the earliest possible date.

MARK TOLBERT GIVEN HONOR

Atlanta Boy Represented Senior Law Class of Vanderbilt University at Banquet Last Night in Honor of James M. Dickinson.

Nashville, Tenn., December 16.—(Special.)—At a recent meeting of the senior class of the Vanderbilt university law department Mark L. Tolbert, of Atlanta, Ga., was chosen to represent the law school at a banquet to be given by the members of the Nashville, Tenn., Bar Association, at the Maxwell hotel, to-



MARK L. TOLBERT,
Atlanta Boy Who Spoke at Vanderbilt Banquet Last Night.

night, in honor of James M. Dickinson, of Chicago. Colonel Dickinson recently represented the United States government in the Canadian boundary controversy, and on that occasion eclipsed himself with much glory by winning his suit over the lord chief justice of England. Mr. Dickinson until recently was a citizen of Nashville and one of the most prominent lawyers in this state. But since his appointment as general attorney for Illinois Central railroad he has made his home in Chicago. Mr. Tolbert recently entered the senior law class, coming here as a graduate of Emory college law department. He pursued his literary course at the University of Georgia, having attended that institution for two years, after which he entered the law school at Emory college, graduating from there last June. He intends completing his course here about the first of March, after which he will then make his home in Atlanta.

WAR DECLARED ON TOY GUN

Deputy Marshal Simmons, of Rome, Anncunces That City Ordinance Prohibiting Use of Deadly Implement Will Be Strictly Enforced.

Rome, Ga., December 16.—(Special.)—Deputy Marshal W. S. Simmons has declared uncompromising warfare upon the "toy pistol" traffic in Rome this Christmas and any unscrupulous dealer detected in selling these things in violation of the stringent city ordinance controlling their sale, and absolutely prohibiting it except under certain very clear directions and conditions, will be handled to the extreme extent of the law.

Several serious accidents have happened in Rome by reason of the illegal sale of these blank cartridge concerns, and considerable pressure has been brought to bear upon the police force with an eye to its suppression.

All good citizens—especially those having children—are backing Mr. Simmons in his crusade upon the "toy pistol" seller.

SHORT ITEMS OF INTEREST

DR. CHARLES A. JONES WILL lecture tonight in the Woman's Club rooms in the Grand on "Sweethearts and Wives." The subject is one which appeals to every one, and it is probable that a large crowd will be present to hear the gifted speaker on this subject. The lecture has been highly praised by the newspapers and the public wherever it has been delivered. The address will be given for the benefit of the Wesleyan Memorial Association. The speaker will be introduced by Rev. W. W. Landrum.

THE FUNERAL SERVICES OF REV. A. G. Thomas, formerly a minister of the Christian church, were conducted yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the First Christian church by Rev. S. B. Moore, assisted by Rev. R. Cave. The interment was at Oakland.

REV. MR. IRELAND, FORMERLY an actor, and now a minister of the Baptist church, preached last night at the First Baptist church on the "Evils of the Modern Stage." A large congregation was present and the address was thoroughly enjoyed.

THE GRAND JURY ADJOURNED yesterday until January 6, subject to the call of the foreman. The session yesterday was occupied with the district road commissioners and a discussion of the condition of the different roads was held. The grand jury finds that mile posts and sign boards are not in position in many places and should be arranged. Outside of this the roads are generally in good condition.

THE ENGINES OF THE CHATTAhoochee station began pumping water into the water works reservoir again yesterday morning, after having been shut down for twenty-four hours, because of the work of laying the duplicate 30-inch main on Chattahoochee avenue. The water is now flowing through the bypass and will be pumped through it until the railroad crossing on Chattahoochee avenue has been made.

THE ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERnians will attend a special vesper service at St. Anthony church in West End next Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. A sermon will be delivered by Rev. Father Jackson, and will be followed by benediction of the blessed sacrament.

COUNCIL'S FINANCE COMMITTEE, of which Alderman Inman is chairman, will meet this morning at 11 o'clock in the committee room at the city hall for the purpose of acting upon routine business.

COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE ON TAX, of which Mayor Pro Tem LaHatte is chairman, met yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Only matters of routine were discussed.

CHECKS FOR THE THIRD MONTH'S salary for the school teachers of the state, aggregating about $250,000, were mailed last night to the various counties from the office of State School Commissioner W. B. Merritt. In most instances the teachers have already received their money, it having been borrowed by the county boards. The money now being sent will be used to pay the debts thus created.

SECRETARY OF STATE PHIL COOK yesterday granted an amendment to the charter of the Elberton Loan and Savings bank, permitting it to increase the number of its directors from seven to fifteen.

A JOINT MEETING OF COUNCIL'S police committee, of which Councilman Terrell is chairman, and the sanitary committee, of which Dr. Longino is chairman, was held yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock for the purpose of discussing the proposed inspection of liquors. It was decided that nothing could be done about the matter at this time. It will probably be taken up again next year. A session of the police committee followed, which dealt with routine matters.

COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE ON claims, of which Councilman Winn is chairman, will meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the committee room at the city hall.

A CHARTER WAS GRANTED YESterday by Secretary of State Phil Cook to the Altamaha Transit Company, which purports to have a capital stock of $2,000,000. This is to be a transportation company and will, it is stated, build a railroad from Reidsville, in Tattnall county, to a point on the Satilla river, to be known as Satilla, a distance of about 45 miles. The incorporators are G. T., John E. and C. W. Melton, of Blarney, Ga.; Spencer Tompkins, Frank H. Braden and E. C. Dixon, of St. Louis, Mo.; Alexander Legler and P. J. Paulson, of Boaz, Ga.; Albert T. Fisher, of Boston, Mass.; W. R. Vaughan, of Washington, D. C.; D. W. Dyal, of Hazlenurst, Ga., and F. M. Carter, of Surrency, Ga.

A. J. BRADLEY AND OTHERS filed a bill in equity yesterday afternoon in the circuit court of the United States asking that a temporary receiver be appointed at once to take charge of the New Century cotton mills, located at Douglasville, and that E. H. Thornton, of Atlanta, be restrained from certifying or issuing any bonds now in his possession until further order of the court. Judge Newman refused to appoint a receiver, but ordered that the defendants show cause before him on January 4 why relief should not be granted as prayed in the bill. Joseph H. James, former district attorney, is president of the New Century cotton mills, and he, E. H. Thornton and others are named as defendants in the bill. The amount of the alleged indebtedness exceeds $2,000, exclusive of interest and costs.

A MYSTERIOUS INDIVIDUAL, SUPposed to be a white tramp, who is said to have been sleeping in the Emanual Baptist church during the past two or three days, has created considerable excitement among citizens in the neighborhood of the corner of Berean avenue and East Fair street, the location of the church. The matter was reported to the police last night, while the tramp was in the church, but he evidently became scared and made his escape before the arrival of officers. Call Officers Dorsey and Doyle went to the church and there found a rear window open, through which the tramp had crawled. Some ladies heard the man in the church yesterday afternoon, and going up to a window, they looked in and saw him in the gallery. On noticing the ladies watching him, the stranger suddenly exclaimed: "Here, ladies, don't look up here at me. I'm going to undress." The ladies quickly took their departure.

TWO UNITED STATES DEPUTY marshals from Macon reached Atlanta yesterday afternoon, bringing with them two freshly made convicts, who will work for the government within the federal prison walls for many days to come. The convicts are Robert M. Smith, white, of Monroe county, and Charles Barnes, a negro, who was placed under arrest here some weeks ago. Smith is up for illicit distilling. His sentence is one year and one day. Barnes, the negro, is up for three years for raising money orders.

EVIDENCE IN THE CASE OF THE Hudson River Stone Supply Company against the Venable Construction Company continued to be introduced yesterday, and this trial took up the entire time of the United States court. It is likely that this case will not be concluded until some time after Christmas, as there are a number of witnesses yet to be examined.

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE FESTival of the rededication of the Temple, Channukah, special services will be held at the Temple, on the corner of Richardson and South Pryor streets, Friday evening at 8 o'clock. The oratorio, Judas Maccabeus, will be rendered by a choir assisted by an augmented chorus. The services will begin at 8 o'clock.

THREE YOUNG BOYS WERE ARrested last night near midnight for stealing toys from McClure's and Bass' stores on Whitehall street and were locked up in the police barracks. The mother of one of the boys was also arrested, but was released on a copy of charges. Their names are John Howard, 13 years old; Charles Barnes, 13, and Claude Chastain, 11. Mrs. Sallie Barnes was the woman implicated in the matter. The boys admit their guilt, and say that they have been illicitly gathering up toys for Christmas for some time. All four of them will be arraigned before Judge Broyles today.

J. J. DORSETT, OF 22 WALKER street, a motorman of the Georgia Railway and Electric Company, was injured early last night in a collision between the car on which he was running and a coal wagon. His throat and head were cut, but the injuries were pronounced as not serious. He was taken to the Grady hospital, where his wounds were attended to. The accident occurred near Piedmont park, on Piedmont avenue.

MEETING NOTICE.

A REGULAR COMMUNICATION of Fulton Lodge, No. 216, F. & A. M., will be held in Masonic Hall, corner W. Mitchell and Forsyth streets, this (Thursday) evening at 7:30 o'clock. Annual election and installation of officers. All duly qualified brethren are fraternally invited.

A. L. CLARKSON, W. M.
W. S. RICHARDSON, Secretary.

RAILWAY NOTES.

Work on the foundations of the neww union passenger station has been started, and yesterday a large number of hands were engaged in digging the trenches for the beginning of the structure.

The granite is already on the ground and as soon as the cement arrives the first stone will be laid and the great building will have been commenced in reality.

The contractors are expecting this material every day, and it is only a matter of a few days at the outside before the new station will begin to take shape.

The first trench dug will be parallel with the Mitchell street viaduct and will be several feet deep. Yesterday the workmen made good progress, and by the time all the materials for the foundation are on hand the site will be ready in all respects and the contractors can go ahead with all speed.

The engineer of the terminal company spent yesterday inspecting the plans submitted by the various bidders who wish to construct the train shed or the passenger station. It will require several days to check up the different designs and see if they come up to the requirement in every way, and no announcement of the successful bidder will be made in more than a week. It is said that many of the plans are very fine, and there may be some trouble in deciding between them.

Railroad men called attention to the fact that fewer people in their profession passed through this city yesterday than on any other day within their recollection. All the local passenger men are in Augusta attending the meeting of the conference committee of the Southeastern Passenger Association, and scarcely any out of town men came through.

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What Number of Bales Will Be Received At All United States Ports from Sept. 1st, 1903, to Jan. 12th, 1904, Both Inclusive? Contest Opened July 1, 1903, Closes December 31, 1903.

$10,000 CASH OFFER

DIVISION OF PRIZES

For the exact, or nearest to the exact, estimate of the total number of bales of cotton received at all United States Ports from September 1, 1903, to January 12, 1904, both inclusive	$3,000 00
For the next nearest estimate	1,500 00
For the next nearest estimate	500 00
For the next nearest estimate	200 00
For the next nearest estimate	125 00
For the 5 next nearest estimates, $50.00 each	250 00
For the 10 next nearest estimates, 25.00 each	250 00
For the 20 next nearest estimates, 15.00 each	300 00
For the 50 next nearest estimates, 7.50 each	375 00
For the 100 next nearest estimates, 5.00 each	500 00
	$7,000 00

Additional Offers for Best Estimates Made During Different Periods of the Contest.

For convenience the time of the contest is divided into estimates received by The Constitution during five periods—the first period covering the months of July and August, the other four being one month each, the 2d period September, 3d period October, 4th period November, 5th period December.

We will give to the best estimate received during each period (in addition to whatever other prize it may take, or if it takes no other prize at all), the sum of $200.00.

The five prizes thus offered at $200.00 each amount to	1,000 00

Two Grand Consolation Offers.

First—For distribution among those estimates (not taking any of the above 195 prizes) coming within 500 bales either way of the exact figures	1,000 00
Second—For distribution among those estimates (not taking any of the above 195 prizes and not sharing the first consolation offer), coming within 1,000 bales either way of the exact figures	1,000 00
Grand Total	$10,000 00

IN CASE OF A TIE ON ANY PRIZE ESTIMATE THE MONEY WILL BE EQUALLY DIVIDED.

Statistics for the Last Six Crops.

The total PORT RECEIPTS for the past few years from September 1st through the twelfth day of the following January are given to aid you in making an intelligent estimate in this contest. It is not necessary to itemize your estimate, give it in one plain sum expressed in figures only. Don't make any mistake in your figures; let them mean just what you mean to say.

Cotton Year.	This line covers the contest with figures of former years. Total port receipts September 1st to 12th of following January, both inclusive.	Total Bales in Crop for Season.
1897-1898	6,070,773	11,199,394
1898-1899	6,259,178	11,274,840
1899-1900	4,261,365	9,436,414
1900-1901	4,846,741	10,383,422
1901-1902	5,279,597	10,680,780
1902-1903	5,315,879	10,727,559

Secretary Hester of the New Orleans Exchange, certifies to the above and will furnish the official figures to decide this contest.

Conditions of Sending Estimates in this Port Receipts Contest.

The offer is opened to Daily and Sunday Constitution and Sunny South subscribers upon this basis:

1. New subscriptions, paid one year in advance, to Daily and Sunday Constitution, $7, entities the subscriber to fourteen (14) estimates sent with the subscription.

2. New subscriptions to Daily Constitution, without Sunday, paid one year in advance, $5, entities the subscriber to ten (10) estimates, to be enclosed with the subscription.

3. Those who are now taking the paper may secure estimates by bringing the subscription up to date and send estimates upon their advance payments, sending one estimate with each 50c subscription remittance.

Subscribers for less than one year may take estimates proportionately with the yearly rate for the period the subscription may cover.

4. ONE estimate with every prepaid subscription for one year, at 50¢, to The Sunny South, to any address.

5. Send 50¢ for ONE ESTIMATE alone in the contest IF YOU DO NOT WANT A SUBSCRIPTION. Such a remittance merely pays for the privilege of sending the estimate. If you wish to make a number of estimates on this basis, you may send THREE ESTIMATES FOR EVERY $1.00 forwarded at the same time estimates are sent. If as many as ten estimates are received at the same time without subscriptions the sender may forward them with only $3.00—this splendid discount being offered for ten estimates in one order. A postal card receipt will be sent for ALL ESTIMATES RECEIVED WITHOUT SUBSCRIPTIONS. Where subscriptions are ordered THE ARRIVAL OF THE PAPER ITSELF IS AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT YOUR ESTIMATE HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND IS CAREFULLY RECORDED.

6. The money and the subscription and the estimate must come in the same envelope every time. The estimate, the money and the subscription go together. THIS RULE IS POSITIVE.

FURTHER GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

The condition for sending estimates on the Port Receipts of Cotton 1st of September, 1903, through January 12, 1904, is that each and every entry of estimates must be accompanied by a subscription to The Constitution or The Sunny South or the remittance provided for estimates without subscriptions. They must be sent in the identical envelope that brings the money that pays for the estimates or the subscription. You cannot subscribe now and send your estimate afterwards.

In sending your estimates by an agent of The Constitution you make him your agent and not ours, in forwarding your estimates, both as to the correctness of the figures as you intended them and the certainty of the forwarding of them.

Should a party send in more than one prize estimate he or she will be entitled to a share of the prize fund for every time that it may represent a successful estimate. Persons may enter the contest as many times as they send subscriptions, and under the rules the same person may receive a prize with each of the propositions.

In making your answer just state simply: "I estimate the Port Receipts 1st of September, 1903, through January 12, 1904,.....bales." Make your figures plain. We will record them as received every day, EXACTLY AS THEY LOOK, AND WILL ALLOW NO CHANGE WHATEVER. If you want to make estimates later, or if you want to repeat the estimate you have made send other subscriptions.

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At 49c, Dressing Sacques of outing and eiderdown, plain and fancy colors; odd lots; not all sizes.

At 98c, Dressing Sacques of fine flannelette in pretty Persian designs; made with sailor collar or trimmed Kimona style, flaring or tight sleeves. Were $1.50.

At $1.50, Kimonas of pongee silk in light blue, pink, red, tan and green; made with fancy band trimmed revers and flaring sleeves; all sizes. Were $2.50.

At $2.75 and $3.50, Wrappers of fine flannelettes in pretty Persian stripe designs on light blue, pink or red grounds; made Kimona style or with full sailor collar; flowing sleeves; ribbon trimmed.

At $4.98, Silk Petticoats, of black or colored taffeta with accordeon-plaited or gathered ruffle and under dust ruffle.

At $7.50, Silk Petticoats that were $12.50 to $15. Made of fine black and colored silks with velvet ribbon trimmed flounce or deep accordeon-plaited ruffle, elaborately trimmed with bands and laces.

At 98c, Knit Shawls, hand-made of fine zephyr, square shape; light blue, pink, red or black.

At $1.75, Knit Capes, hand-made of fine zephyr, solid colors or fancy effects; circular shape.

At $5.00, Chiffon Capes, silk lined and ribbon and chenille trimmed, Medici collar or stole effects. Were $8.00, $10.00 and $12.50.

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MARION CRAWFORD TELLS OF VIOLA ALLEN'S NEW PLAY

THE production of "Twelfth Night" at the Grand last evening, was an important one. F. Marion Crawford, the famous novelist and playwright, was among those present. The Constitution man found him engaged in earnest conversation with Miss Viola Allen last evening regarding the next play in which this popular and deserving star will appear. To the casual observer it would be hard to say which of the two appreciates the other most. During the entire performance Mr. Crawford stood in the wings and commented on the cleverness of the principal. Miss Allen, on the other hand, hurried to her dressing room and out again to continue the oft interrupted conversation, stopping only long enough to direct in the state management, for she is quite as much of an executive as an actress and although those on the other side of the footlights did not know it, a great deal of extra hard work had to be done to make possible the finished performance of last evening owing to the arrival of the company and scenery being delayed by a wreck.

"I am afraid it's just a little bit too soon," began Miss Allen, "to say anything about the new play Mr. Crawford is writing for me. Unless I may say that I think it is just splendid. You don't mind that, do you?"

"On the contrary," said Mr. Crawford, "I think it most generously clever of you. But then when I sometimes feel a bit displeased with my work I say to myself, Miss Allen will more than supply any deficiency on my part and will make much out of my humble efforts."

"Now, isn't he perfectly lovely? But it is not so," she continued. "When Mr. Crawford writes a part, it just plays itself. Why, that's why 'In the Palace of the King' ran for so long a time. I'm really ever and ever so interested in this new part that isn't being taken from any book at all, but is being written for just me. But sometimes I'm almost worried, too, for fear that I won't half do justice to it and then—" Miss Allen threw up her hands as if such a possibility were too terrible for words. "No, the scenes will not be laid in Venice. It is true, that Mr. Crawford still has that play in reserve. Maybe he's waiting to see what I can make out of this first one, which I mean to bring out next season," and she laughed naturally, just as naturally as when playing the other Viola a few feet beyond the dressing room.

"Oh, it's going to be filled with the kind of action that belongs to the romantic period, but as many changes may be made, I don't want to go into details. It's bad luck and I think I'll just touch wood, anyway."

Again she hurried away to answer the summons of the call boy and Mr. Crawford, asking that nothing in the way of details be printed, spoke of the wonderful versatility of this little woman who had played so marvelously well roles reaching across a great gulf with Glory Quayle on the one side and Viola on the other.

MARIE CORELLI GETS HALF CENT

Famous Novelist Awarded Damages by British Court.

Birmingham, England, December 16.—Marie Corelli, the novelist, was today awarded half a cent damages, each side to pay their own costs in a libel suit brought by her against the proprietor of The Stratford-on-Avon Herald in connection with a recent controversy in which Miss Corelli opposed the erection of a Carnegie library on the ground that it involved a desecration of Shakespeare's birthplace. The libel consisted in a statement that Miss Corelli desires to erect a library at the same place.

The case attracted considerable attention and the court was crowded, many fashionable people being present. Miss Corelli testified in her own behalf for two hours and emphatically denied that she ever intended to erect a library.

NO CONCERT IN ENGLAND.

Not Believed That Mills Will Combine To Reduce Product.

Fall River, Mass., December 16.—No cable notice of action taken by Lancashire, England, cotton manufacturers has been received in this city. The concensus of opinion here seems to be that mills which are well supplied with cotton will run, while others may stop, but it is doubtful if a concerted curtail movement is possible in this city at the present time.

No notice has been received from the committe of fifteen southern manufacturers which was appointed at the Charlotte, N. C., convention of southern mill owners to arrange a conference in Washington.

Dr. Green Transferred.

Cleveland, Ohio, December 16.—Dr. Joseph B. Green, of Birmingham, Ala., who has been in charge of the United States marine hospital in this city for eighteen months, has been transferred to Havana to take charge of sanitary work in that city. He will succeed Dr. Frederick T. Trotter, of Wyoming.

The Meonest on Record.

(From the Philadelphia Press).

Not so very long ago the Meanes man in Town engaged a professional rat catcher to undertake the task of ridding his warehouse cellars of the rats that infested them. After his services had been completed the catcher presented the business man with a bill of $10.

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THEATERS.

The Grand.

Without leaving any room for argument, the production of Shakespeare's comedy, "Twelfth Night," by Miss Viola Allen and company last night, was the most finished bit of theatrical work that has been seen in Atlanta this season. From a purely critical point of view the only fault that could be found with last evening's production lies in the fact that the engagement was for one night only and those who were not so privileged as to be present last evening must wait some time for a satisfactory cure.

Viola Allen as Viola. For those who met her last evening, the part will ever be her's, not only by the right of her own name, but by unanimous consent. Some time in the future, many of the coterie of beautiful debutantes that filled the proscenium boxes last evening will have grown into charming matrons. They will again be a happy part of some audience gathered to enjoy the production of "Twelfth Night" and other debutantes will enthusiastically applaud some other actress. And then it will be that those who were present last evening will smile and agree pleasantly with the enthusiastic debutantes of that future period and say: "Quite true, my dear. But you should have seen Viola Allen as Viola." Time will prove this statement as well as the fact that last night's performance must become a precedent for the comparison of those other Violas yet to come.

But it was not in the portrayal of the principal part alone that so much of genuine pleasure characterized the production. It was the evenness of the supporting company as well; the every appointment; the care for detail; the delicate little asides; scenery that more than realized the generous promises of the advance notices; the entire absence of all bungling or any carelessness that may mar in a moment the conscientious efforts of an entire act. It was the perfection of little things resulting in the artistic whole that made of last evening a thing to date time by in all things histrionic.

As every one knows, "Twelfth Night" combines the humor of the "Comedy of Errors" with the romance of "Romeo and Juliet." It seemed almost a pity that the playwright of the candle lights of the Elizabethian period could not himself see how much the modern stage manager had added to make his lines things of real life, and most of all, Miss Viola as the real Viola. Sir Toby Belch and Sir Andrew Aguecheek for the rollicking wit that goes with the public ale house, but Viola always for that delicate, naive style of humor that never permits the death of a constant smile while it never provokes the birth of a loud laugh that belongs to a coarser kind of fun.

And it takes the cleverest and most artistic appreciation of the parts of Sir Toby and Sir Andrew to prevent them from being absolutely repugnant. Clarence Handyside and Frank Currier were delightfully responsible for these parts. And then the cross-gartered, much-abused Malevollo sick with self love. John Blair will ever be remember as the peritpatetic, smiling steward of Olivia. And Miss Nora O'Brien, who was so deserving of praise in the roles portrayed in stock company at the Grand last summer, essayed the part of Olivia delightfully. F. Percival Stevens made the most of the part of the rollicking jester. But it is hardly necessary to particularize, for every part was in competent hands and the only possible room for any tinge of disappointment lay in the portrayal of Orsino, the duke, by Scott Craven, and even this, while it did not reach the artistic touch of the rest of the performance, was above the ordinary. The incidental music added much to the enjoyment. Schubert's "Silvia" being most artisically introduced as an interpolation.

And its impossible to finish, even when the demand for space is limited, without going back once more to winsome, captivating Viola, whose "outside" so charmed Olivia, and who had such queer little, dear little ways with her in the impersonation of the boy part of Caesario. In the duel with Sir Andrew she stepped quite aside from all other presentations of the part. Where in this scene Julia Marlowe was bold, Miss Allen was straightout audacious and beat Sir Andrew just as a woman would have done and in this way added just one more artistic touch to an almost perfect performance.

No one can ever say again that Atlanta does not appreciate the legitimate. The Grand was packed from the footlights to standing room in the top gallery and everybody was enthusiastic, as they should have been, and proved that while they would not stand for made-over imitations, they enthusiastically indorsed Shakesperean revivals when presented in the proper, artistic way. The curtain calls were constant and that last one will continue until Miss Allen again comes to Atlanta and bows to acknowledge the left-over welcome she so deservedly earned in the season of 1903.

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Charlotte Tittell, who assumes the role of Charlotte Durand in Paul Kester's dramatization of George W. Cable's fascinating southern romance, "The Cavalier," the Grand's attraction for tonight and balance of the week, has been for years one of the best known leading women of the country, having attained prominence after years of painstaking study and experience in the portrayal of a wide range of stage creations, coupled with natural born genius.

Miss Tittell has everything to commend her to theatergoers, personal magnetism, youth, beauty, a voice of great flexibility and a mind trained to feel every emotion and impart it to her auditors.

Mrs Brune, whose excellent work created quite a furore here last season, is a sister of Miss Tittell, who, with her beautifully modulated voice, charms her audience in much the same peculiar manner as did Mrs. Brune. So beautiful is her pronunciation and so artistic her acting, that one really believes that she is a daughter of the south.

It is as Charlotte Durand, the warm-hearted daughter of the south, that Miss Tittell has scored her greatest triumph. She is said to have splendidly realized the ideal of the author in her execution of a role, which affords her great opportunity to display the versatile talent for which she is noted.

"The Cavalier," with its wealth of scenic effects, will be presented by a brilliant company at the Grand for four performances.

"The Auctioneer," with David Warfield in his well known role of Simon Levi, will be the attraction at the Grand on Monday and Tuesday. The character which he depicts is a familiar one, but he has portrayed the Jew in a far more enviable light than is usual on the stage. Instead of making him an object of ridicule, of contemptuous mirth, he has shown the finer characteristics which distinguish the Hebrew. Warfield displays true humor and real pathos in exploiting it. The admirable genius of Mr. Belasco is as it was from the first night, in evidence in the production and staging of the piece. The assisting members of the company are generally adequate.

Interest in Blanche Walsh's appearance next Wednesday and Thursday evening at the Grand is very keen. On the one hand there is an enthusiastic desire to see Miss Walsh, who has scored the biggest personal dramatic triumph recorded in years, and on the other there is a lively curiosity to see the play itself, which is regarded as one of a sensational nature because of its uncompromising attitude toward certain modern social conditions. The story of the play concerns the fatality which overtakes a man and a woman who, through sensual desire on the one side, and absorbing love and ignorance on the other, break the moral law laid down for the welfare of society.

The Bijou.

"Across the Pacific" is proving one of the most popular offerings of the season at the Bijou. It would indeed be difficult to find more enthusiastic audiences than those who are witnessing the performances of Blaney's stirring melodrama. The action is of the rapid fire order, keeping every one on the alert from the time the curtain goes up till the final denouement of the story in the last act of the play. Nothing more exciting in the way of a battle scene has ever been devised than the attack and repulse at Block House No. 7 in the last act.

Harry Blaney as Willie Live, the war correspondent, is responsible for some lively comedy while the leading roles are in very capable hands. From a scenic standpoint the production leaves nothing to be desired and the performance as a whole is well worth the patronage of those who enjoy a spirited and wholesome melodrama.

"Little Church Around the Corner," a play with a very human story of New York life, that is said to hold the interest throughout, will be presented at the Bijou theatre Monday night for an engagement of one week.

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(From the Boston Transcript).

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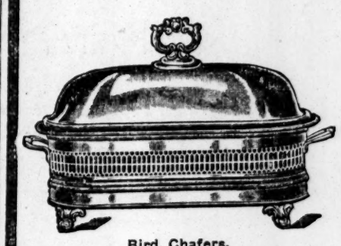
She: But do you love me better than anybody else; better than you love your mother?

He: Well, I don't know, Carrie, a man can have more than one wife, but never more than one mother.

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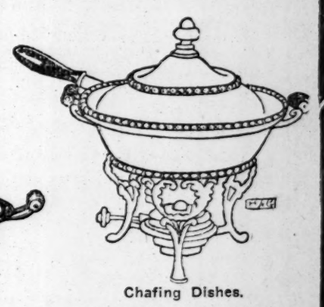
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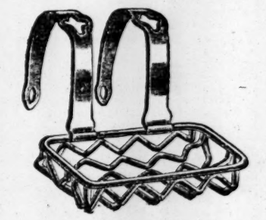
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RACE ARRANGED FOR CHRISTMAS

Bob Walthour and Leander Will Be Drawing Cards.

Walthour will race on the Piedmont Park race track on Christmas day. This much has now been positively decided, though it is not yet known who will be his opponent on that day or what kind of a race will be held.

Gus Castle received a telegram from Prince telling him to secure the park track for Christmas day, and he at once proceed to make the necessary arrangements. There was a slight hitch at first, but this was finally disposed of and the park was secured for the day.

Though it has not yet been positively decided who will race, it is believed that Walthour's opponent will be either Leander, the rival of Walthour in the past race and the winner of the six day race last year, or little Michael, one of the fastest pace followers in the country. If the race is with Leander the exhibition will consist of the best two mile heats out of three, and if with Michael a twenty mile grind.

If Leander is obtained the race will be a duplicate of the last mile sprint held in the six day race, and he will have another chance to best Walthour, as he claims he can do.

A number of amateur races will also be arranged for this day. Another interesting feature will probably be added to the programme. Dr. Barton asked Gus Castle yesterday if the Y. M. C. A. relay race could be held in the morning of Christmas day. Castle then offered to him the use of the park for his relay race in the afternoon. If Dr. Barton will accept the offer the race will be an interesting feature and will probably draw a still larger crowd. Besides this, the boys will have the inspiration of a big crowd and fine music to stir them on to do their best.

The jack rabbit racing programme which was to have been carried out on this track will probably be held in the baseball park immediately after the conclusion of the bicycle race. Thus the promoters of this race will draw a big part of the crowd which goes out to see the bicycle races.

A CHANGE IN BUSINESS.

Mr. L. R. Minor Accepts Position with the Firm of Eiseman & Weil.

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Field Trials Close.

Huntsville, Ala., December 16.—(Special.)—The field trials of the Alabama Field Trials Club came to an end this afternoon with the running of the free-for-all stake in which there were eight contestants. The day was fine and the sport excellent, more birds being found than on either of the preceeding days. The winners were announced tonight as follows: First, Toney Boy's Kate, owned by H. H. Mayberry; second, Rip's Lass, owned by Garth, and Kellar, third, Anny S., owned by W. W. Cowden.

Appeal Against "Tod Sloan."

Paris, December 16.—The stewards of the French Jockey Club have entered an appeal in the case of "Tod" Sloan, the American jockey, who obtained a verdict of costs against the jockey club in his suit for $40,000 damages for being warned off the turf in connection with Rose d'Mai's winning the Prix de Diane at Chantilly in May last.

INGLESIDE.

PROPER, HEAVILY PLAYED, CAPTURED THE HANDICAP

San Francisco, December 16.—Proper, the heavily played favorite, scored an easy victory in the mile and a sixteenth handicap, which was the feature of a good card at Ingleside today. Lord Melbourne, winner of the last race, was bid up from $600 to $1,200 by Frank Doss, but Sidney Bender retained him. Bullman was suspended for three days by Starter Holman for getting left at the post on Arthur Ray, in the first race.

FIRST RACE—Futurity course, selling: Alice Carr, 104 (Hildebrand), 6 to 1, won; Mountebank, 109 (J. Booker), 11 to 5, second; Puss-in-Boots, 104 (Connell), 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:12. Thisbe, Hungarian, Emshee, Military, Maresa ran. Arthur Ray left at the post.

SECOND RACE—Six furlongs: Rockaway, 115 (J. Bullman), 1 to 2, won; Mendon, 109 (Foley), 25 to 1, second; Captain Forsee, 110 (Chandler), 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:15. Virginia Boy, George Perry, Military Man ran.

THIRD RACE—Seven furlongs, selling: Red Cross Nurse, 99 (Foley), 7 to 1, won; Miss Ringlets, 104 (J. Martin), 8 to 1, second; The Bugaboo, 112 (L. Lewis), 12 to 1, third. Time, 1:29. Telephone, Dorice, Elle, Avenger, Foxey Grandpa, Hocco ran.

FOURTH RACE—Mile and sixteenth, handicap: Proper, 112 (J. Martin), 8 to 5, won; Fossil, 107 (T. Burns), 11 to 5, second; Oarsman, 114 (Wonderly), 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:47. Yellow Tail, Falconbridge, Blessed Damozel, Horatius ran.

FIFTH RACE—Eleven-sixteenths of a mile: Nervator, 96 (Larson), 4 to 1, won; Da Sam, 110 (Sherwood), 8 to 5, second; Landsdowne, 97 (Roach), 25 to 1, third. Time, 1:08½. Glendenning, Louis Wagner, Mimo, The Stewardess, Marlin ran. Marlin left.

SIXTH RACE—Mile and fifty yards, selling: Lord Melbourne, 102 (Oliphant), 3 to 5, won; Jane Holly, 110 (Bell), 15 to 1, second; Rosario, 105 (Hildebrand), 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:45½. Kitty Kelly, Pearl Diver, McGrathiana Prince, Royalty, Discus ran.

Today's Entries at Ingleside.

First Race—Seven furlongs, selling: Adirondack, 104; Kickumbob, Sue Johnson, Illiluoun, Invictus, Tammant, 107; Border Mark, 109; Rio Chico, 112.

Second Race—Futurity course, selling: Lady Fonso, Florianna Bell, Caroburn, 81; Brick Fowler, The Cure, 84; Negrusca, 86; Laocoon, 88; Halnault, 108; Bassenzo, 112.

Third Race—Seven furlongs, maiden, 2-year-olds: Elizabeth E., 102; Jack Little, Capitol, 107; Neko, 108; Dr. Birdsall, Sir Appleby, Ebony, 110.

Fourth Race—Mile and seventy yards, selling: Nigrette, 95; Gorgalette, Lew Crawford, Lord Melbourne, 100; Cambaceres, Silurian, I. O. U., 102; Diderot 107.

Fifth Race—Futurity course, selling: Atwood, Cornoer Kelly, Sol Smith, Ananias, 93; Reeves, 104; Florinel II., 107; Quatre, 110; Fort Wayne, 109; Saintly, 112.

Sixth Race—Seven furlongs, selling: Evander, Crosius, Rasp, Pat Morrissey, Elfin King, Constable, 107; Rinaldo, I Do Go, 112; Oscar Tolle, 115.

TOURNAMENT HELD TONIGHT.

Eleven Entries in Annual Event Held at the Atlanta Athletic Club. Indoor Baseball Game.

The annual indoor athletic tournament at Atlanta Athletic Club will take place tonight at 8 o'clock and a number of the best athletes of the club will enter the contest and strive to carry off the honors of the night and to win the trophy cup for one year at least.

The entries number eleven and many of the best athletes in the club are interested in this contest. Neither Glenn nor Clarke, the two men who have won it one year each, have entered and so the third year will find still another man holding the trophy.

One of the features of the evening will be the indoor baseball game, which will be played immediately after the conclusion of the contest by two of the best teams in the club, the first and the second. These two nines have met a number of times and have put up a good class of ball during each game.

The public will be present by invitation. Friends of the club can obtain cards for themselves and ladies from the secretary. Attorney Lowry Arnold will probably make the speech of the evening and present the prize to the winner of the tournament.



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The Bobby and Ivernia the Successful Favorites.

J. P. Mayberry, First Choice in the Third Event, Fell at Half-Mile Pole—The Messenger, Left at Post, Won Out by a Nose.

New Orleans, December 16.—The Bobby and Ivernia were the winning favorites. Of the other winners both Eva Russell and Cardinal Wolsey were well supported. J. P. Mayberry, favorite in the third race, fell at the half-mile pole. The colt and rider W. Hicks both escaped injury.

The Messenger, in the last race, was caught in the barrier and practically left at the post. When he drew up to the others he was pocketed and won out by a nose in a hard drive. Weather clear; track fast.

FIRST RACE—Five furlongs: Eva Russell, 103 (W. Hicks), 5 to 1, won; Palmist, 98 (Robbins), 15 to 1, second; Sid Silver, 102 (Minder), 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:02. Joslett, Zift, Blue Blaze, Tommy Foster, Neither One, Hickory Corners, the Pride of Surrey, Irene Mac and Kadyle ran.

SECOND RACE—Selling, mile and quarter: The Bobby, 101 (Minder), 4 to 5, won; Free Admission, 96 (L. Wilson), 8 to 1, second; Hayward Hunter, 99 (R. Johnson), 5 to 1, third. Time, 2:10 4-5. Whitmore, Charles D. Ravino, Ben Battle, Joe Doughty and Chuate ran.

THIRD RACE—Two-year-olds, six furlongs: Morning Star, 107 (H. Phillips), 4 to 1, won; Mr. Pickwick, 99 1-2 (Salling), 8 to 1, second; Bronx, 110 (H. Michaels), 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:15 2-5. Katie Powers, Always Faithful, Hexam, Chanley ran. J. P. Mayberry fell at the half mile.

FOURTH RACE—Selling, mile: Ivernia, 99 (Romaneill), 7 to 2, won; Mynheer, 102 (Jost), 10 to 1, second; Macbeth, 97 (Livingston), 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:43. Bud Embry, Felix Bard, Bard of Avon, Captain Gaston, Athola, Alpaca and Duelist ran.

FIFTH RACE—Six furlongs: Cardinal Wolsey, 109 (Robbins), 3 to 2, won; Ben Mot, 115 (H. Michaels), 6 to 5, second; Major Mansir, 112 (Gannon), 100 to 1, third. Time, 1:15 2-5. Oclawaha, Feronia, Begone, Decoration, Pleasant Memories, Spencerian, Bugle Horn, Bonnalle and A. Truant ran.

SIXTH RACE—Mile, selling: The Messenger, 104 (H. Phillips), 5 to 1, won; Lee King, 86 (Jenkins), 30 to 1, second; Pompino, 99 (Crawford), 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:43 4-5. Commena, Fairbury, Weird, Havel, Water Tower, Miss Golightly, Circus Girl, Mary Moore and H. L. Coleman ran.

Today's Entries at New Orleans.

First Race—Three-fourths of a mile, selling: Escalera, 93; Sparrow Cop, 94; Allegrette, 95; Symphony, 96; Falkland, John Doyle, 97; Phillida, Lightsout, Myrondale, 99; Wreath of Ivy, 101; Lady Free Knight, 102; Short Cake, 103.

Second Race—Seven-eighths of a mile, selling: Tioga, 97; Burning Glass, Zyra, 99; Lingo, Floyd K, Nine Spot, 102; Annie Max, 103; Past, Dutch Carter, 104; Arden, Invincible, Homestead, 107.

Third Race—Mile, purse: Prince of Proxy, 115; Bessie McCarthy, Asti-Trust, Bengal, 117; Colonel Tyler, Satle, 120; McWilliams, 122; Ida V, 127.

Fourth Race—Mile and a sixteenth, handicap: Mauser, 90; Huzzah, 97; Sabol, 98; Elsie L, 100.

Fifth Race—Five-eighths of a mile, purse: Mrs. Frank Foster, 99; Caterpillar, Leviathian, Miss Hume, Josette, 104; Aladdin, New York, 112; Little Jack Horner, 114; Demurer, Over Again, 117.

Sixth Race—Mile, purse: Class, Sextette, Sandarac, Hobson's Choice, Mammon, Ryevale, Colin George, 97; Mildred L, 100; Town Moore, 103; Safety Light, 115.

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GOOD WORK OF THE MEETING.

All Representatives Are Satisfied with the Results of Baseball Meeting Held on Tuesday.

Now that the Southern League meeting is over the different baseball managers and owners are beginning to consider the effect of the different rules and new arrangements made by the body.

There is a strong belief among some of the smaller clubs that the raise of the guarantee from $50 to $75 was an unwise move and not calculated to improve the general welfare of the league. Many of the smaller club magnates feel unable to pay such a guarantee and would far rather have the old arrangement.

The rule requiring that all home clubs wear white uniforms is considered wise, for as one of the representatives expressed it: "The home club will look prettier in them." It is still a debated point, however, whether the uniforms will be white or of another color after a few innings have passed.

The motion requiring that the remainder of the sinking fund of each year after all debts are paid be deposited and invested until the total amounts to $10,000 will undoubtedly give an added strength to the league. It may happen, however, that the lawyers will get a chance to make something out of it, as several members remarked.

The increase of pay for the scorers from $1.50 to $3 was greeted with applause by the newspaper representatives present. Every possible effort was made to influence the votes of the members and Coffee Jackson appeared to be the only opponent. Newt Fisher was bribed by being credited with thirty-seven stolen bases and every one else was in favor of the move.

The schedule has been left entirely in the hands of President Kavanaugh. This is an extremely important assignment this year, as the lengthening of the season has put increased responsibility on the shoulders of the schedule-maker.

Many Atlantans remember Robinson, the newspaper man who came down from the north for the purpose of running the Southern League in the capacity of an umpire. At the time that he arrived in the city he stated that he would pay all his expenses if he did not make good and would not demand any salary. When asked about him President Kavanaugh stated that Robinson had drawn drafts on him all around the league circuit and his total salary drawn by him amounted to $49.50.

ROBBED COLLEGE TO PLAY RACES

Secretary of California University Is Short $20,000.

McKowen Confesses That He Lost the Money Trying To Pick Winners—McKowen Has Been Suspended and Also Arrested.

Berkeley, Cal., December 16.—W. A. McKowen, secretary of the board of regents of the state university, confessed today to President Benjamin Ide Wheeler that he was a defaulter to the amount of $20,000, and possibly more. Most of the money was lost at the race track. Mr. McKowen has been suspended by President Wheeler and placed under arrest by the local authorities.

Secretary McKowen's arrest followed the discovery that he had attempted to pay a racing debt with a check made out to him personally by Mrs. Phoebe Hearst. This check was for $1,160 and was handed over to by McKowen to Bookmaker John Davis in payment of makers on the race for $1,120. Davis gave McKowen $40 in change and deposited the check in the Western national bank, from which it turned up to expose the affair.

President Wheeler said today:

"I have suspended McKowen from office pending the action of Governor Pardee, who is president of the board of regents, and have placed the office in charge temporarily of my private secretary, Victor Henderson.

"The total amount of the defalcation we do not know. He said he thought it would be $20,000 or more. He had spent it on the race track."

President Wheeler spoke highly of McKowen's personality and was visibly affected in telling how his trust had been betrayed. McKowen has been in the university about twenty years, is unmarried and about forty years of age. His salary was $2,400 a year.

ABNER POWELL SIGNS TWO MEN

Cargo and Johnson Are Secured from Nashville.

Cargo, one of the best third basemen in the league, and Johnson, who early in the season won eight games out of ten, both former members of the Nashville team, will wear Atlanta uniforms when the next season opens and their addition to the local staff increases the chances of this city in the great pennant race of the south.

This deal was completed last night by Manager Abner Powell and Newt Fisher, and both parties appeared to be pleased with the results. The managers had been talking of the trade since coming to the city, and both were willing to come to terms. Powell needed a good third baseman and another pitcher, and Fisher did not care to keep a player who is dissatisfied with his contract.

These two men were among the best players in the league last year and did splendid work. Cargo gave satisfaction in Nashville, but he was dissatisfied with his club and wished a change. It is believed that he prefers to come to Atlanta and will be glad to accept the change. He was one of the best fielding third basemen in the league, his average being .917 and his batting average was .256. In fielding he is ranked as the ninth man, but he played in forty more games than any one of his opponents who are above him and should really be counted third, as six of the men ranked above him did not play in more than thirteen games each.

Johnson's Good Work.

Johnson at one time had won eight games out of ten. He ended the season fifth, with a record of eleven games won out of nineteen pitched, and an average of .611. His fielding record was .925, and his batting average .215.

Manager Powell also announced that he has made arrangements with the Peoria club for the services of Thial, one of the best outfielders in the Western League. This man is a good hitter and a splendid base runner. His record last year was one of the best in the league. Some details have yet to be arranged, but it is very probable that he will soon agree to Manager Powell's terms.

The local manager has received a letter from big Catcher Hurlburt, asking for a place on the team, but he has no use for this player. It will be remembered that Hurlburt jumped the Southern League to the coast regions.

With the additions to the team, the Atlanta baseball situation is growing more hopeful. It is very probable that Stafford will come back, as Manager Powell had practically the choice between Stafford and O'Hagan.

And then Hankey, of the Decatur, Ills., team, may be seen in a local uniform covering third.

At present the line-up of the Atlanta team looks as follows: Pitchers, Ely and Johnson; catcher, Clarke; first base, Stafford or O'Hagan; second base, Morse; short, Bridewell; third base, Cargo or Hankey; fielders, Crozier, Pleiss, Hayes, Koehler and Thial.

Manager Powell states that so far he has heard nothing of the change of plans of the New York Americans, by which they will go to New Orleans instead of to Atlanta, and believes that they will come here as their contract states.

He has also arranged games with the Cornell baseball team for three dates in the early spring. He first offered the team a percentage of the gate receipts and contracts were arranged. But afterward he heard from the manager, asking that a guarantee be given as an option. He will probably offer a small guarantee. Syracuse university baseball team has also applied for an open date and the same arrangements may be made with them. He states that he has heard from the Tech management asking for practice games, and is willing to give them just as many games as they want.

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CAPTAIN PHYLE FINDS SUPPORT

Manager Cantillon Says That Phyle's Charges Are True.

At the meeting of the southern league magnates held in the city on Tuesday, the minutes of the last meeting were read which discussed the doings and the sayings of William Phyle, one time baseball player and Memphis captain. In these minutes it was declared that this erring ball player had been given every chance to defend himself and had neglected to take advantage of the opportunities offered him. And with the reading of the minutes and their adoption by the southern baseball leaders present, every one supposed that this incident was done with forever and that Phyle would never again have a chance to figure as a baseball factor.

Still, according to the statement of Cantillon, the manager of the Milwaukee team, from whom Phyle was bought by the Memphis club last season, this blacklisted baseball player is not yet dead to the baseball world and if some big manager of a major league decides that he needs he services of Phyle, he will sign the third baseman and the minor league clubs can do what they please about it.

It will be remembered that Phyle was at one time during the close of the season the captain of the southern league pennant winner, Memphis. When the season had ended he made a statement to the effect that the last games of the season were practically given to Memphis. The last series was played with Atlanta, and Phyle charged several Atlanta players with purposely losing the game.

Cantillon, manager of the Milwaukee team, says this about the matter:

"Billy Phyle, well known as a player in both the major and minor leagues, has been blacklisted and barred from making a living playing the game, and simply because he charged that certain clubs in the southern league threw games to other teams. Phyle has been barred from the minor circuit the national commission has refused to help him, and he can't get a job unless he goes to California. But I want to say this right now: if I wanted Phyle on my team, I would sign him, and I'd like to see the minor league association say boo. I'd just like to see what would happen if they tried any foolishness on me. I am not likely to need Phyle—if I needed him, I would not have released him from Milwaukee last season—and I consider him a weak, foolish talker, who opened his head when it did not do him any good. Just the same, Billy Phyle had cause for the charges which he made, and I got it good and straight that there was work done in the southern league last season which was on the scandalous pattern.

"Understand, I do not say, neither does Phyle charge, that any games were sold, or that either managers or club owners were in on any such deals. Even though there are thousands who say—apparently with mighty good reason—that the southern league is crooked, always has been crooked since it started, and always will be crooked—I do not accuse any one of selling out. In fact, Abner Powell, manager of the Atlanta team, was absolutely clear of complicity in the worst deal of the season and made a row about it.

"This was the way the thing was done—and if anybody wants to howl, I'll show the goods and produce the names. When Memphis was playing Atlanta, it was a case of anything to beat out Little Rock. The Atlanta players, knowing that their only chances had gone glimmering, were anxious to help their friends to beat Mike Flinn's gang. There was no sell out and there were no intentional errors—nothing so gross and coarse as that. But a couple of the best regulars on the Atlanta team were laid off; a couple of substitutes were put in their places; a raw, unseasoned amateur was sent in to pitch, and then, to make assurance doubly sure, the Atlanta catcher told each Memphis batsmen just what to expect as he came to the plate just what every sign meant, and what kind of a ball would be coming. In one of these games, also, an Atlanta outfielder ran round and round under an easy fly and let it drop unhindered Abner Powell, who is on the level, and was not in the scheme, took him out, and sent a youngster to the garden. 'That kid can't play the field,' somebody yelled. 'No,' said Abner, 'but at least, he'll try.'

"Meanwhile, the friends of Little Rock were trying to help Mike Flinn along. Birmingham, as well as Atlanta, was doing an easy victim stunt. Every player in the league was dead wise to the whole situation, but Billy Phyle was the only man who was foolish enough to open his face, and he got soaked proper. It has been asked why he didn't go before the meeting of the league and substantiate the charges. I positively know that he was sick in bed. Even if he had been able to attend, what show would he have had, with every manager determined to clear his own skirts and swat Bill for the squeal he made?

"That national association can't blacklist anybody if the case should be brought into court. It can't bother Phyle if Billy wants to fight. And, as I have said, these games were laydowns—not sold out or fakes, but simply the deliberate matching of a purposely weakened team against a strong one. If the southern league wants to object to what I have said, let 'em come right along."

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WILL SELECT A CANDIDATE

Caucus of Council Will Be Held Next Week.

For the purpose of deciding the race for the vacancy on the board of health to be caused by the expiration of the term of office of Dr. E. H. Richardson, of the sixth ward, a caucus of the whole council will probably be held either on Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon.

Members of council discussed the matter yesterday afternoon and stated that they would probably give notice of the caucus during the session of council next Monday.

The race for the place has been entered by Dr. Richardson, who is a candidate for reelection; Dr. Cyrus W. Strickler and Dr. A. H. Van Dyke. All three of the gentlemen have their special champions and the contest between them is growing decidedly interesting.

The election will be held on the evening of the first Monday in January, and will be engaged in by the council of 1904 directly after a mayor pro tem. has been chosen by the body. All three of the gentlemen are claiming victory, but none of them has ceased in his efforts to be elected.

Another vacancy on the board of health is also to be filled. It will be caused by the resignation of E. V. Carter, of the seventh ward, who has been elected to the council of 1904.

For the place of Mr. Carter on the health board, G. H. Brandon, the undertaker, has been spoken of. He is without opposition at present, and the indications are that he will be elected.

Had a Clear Remembrance.

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WILL PRESENT TWO MEMORIALS

Committees Are Named in Honor of Deceased Justices.

Committees were named by the supreme court yesterday to present at the next term memorials relating to the life, character and services of the late Justices M. H. Blandford and H. T. Lewis.

The death of Justice Lewis occurred but a few days ago at his home at Greenesboro, after a retirement of little more than a year from the supreme bench.

Justice Blandford died last May at his home in Columbus. He left the supreme bench in 1890 upon the election of Justice Samuel Lumpkin, after having served about six years. Up to the time of his death he practiced law in Columbus.

Following is the announcement from the supreme court on the subject:

"The court appointed the following memorial committees to report at next term upon the life, character and services of Hons. M. H. Blandford and H. T. Lewis, deceased, who were formerly justices of this court:

"On Justice Blandford—Thomas W. Grimes, chairman; L. E. Bleckley, Spencer R. Atkinson, William A. Little, Samuel B. Adams, Joel Branham, H. H. Perry, Henry C. Peeples, Joseph H. Hall, J. H. Martin, of Columbus; J. M. McNeill and Louis F. Garrard.

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FROZE TO DEATH IN MACON

Freeman Eppes, Shoemaker of Central City, Found Dead in Rocking Chair in Rear of His Home Near County Jail.

Constitution Bureau, 467 Second Street. Reclining in a rocking chair apparently asleep, Freeman Eppes, well advanced in years, was today found dead in the rear of his house near the county jail.

Eppes was a well known shoemaker and had lived in a shanty near the scene of his death for years.

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RECIPROCITY AT LAST GIVEN TO THE CUBANS

Measure Passes the Senate by the Decisive Vote of 57 to 18.

BOTH GEORGIA SENATORS VOTED FOR THE MEASURE

Bailey Refers to the Recent Democratic Caucus and Warns Republicans That They Must Depend on Themselves in the Future.

Washington, December 16.—By the decisive vote of 57 to 18, the senate today passed the bill carrying into effect the reciprocity treaty with Cuba.

The final vote was taken at the close of a day which was marked by a debate which, while at times animated, was never acrimonious. The principal speeches were made by Mr. Spooner for the bill and Mr. Bailey against it. In his remarks, Mr. Bailey referred to the recent agreement of the democratic caucus to stand solidly on party questions and warned the republicans that in the future they could not depend on straggling democratic votes in support of republican party measures regardless of whether they were or were not in accord with democratic doctrine.

The Vote.

The vote in detail was as follows:

Yeas—Aldrich, Alger, Allee, Allison, Ankeny, Bacon, Ball, Beveridge, Blackburn, Burnham, Burrows, Burton, Clapp, Clark, of Wyoming; Clay, Cockerell, Cullom, Depew, Dillingham, Dolliver, Dryden, Elkins, Fairbanks, Foraker, Foster, of Washington; Frye, Fulton, Gallinger, Gorman, Hale, Hanna, Hansbrough, Heyburn, Hoar, Hopkins, Kean, Lodge, Long, McComas, McCreary, McCumber, Mitchell, Nelson, Overman, Penrose, Perkins, Platt, of Connecticut; Platt, of New York; Proctor, Quarles, Scott, Simmons, Smoot, Spooner, Stewart, Stone, Wetmore—57.

Nays—Bailey, Bard, Bate, Berry, Carmack, Culberson, Daniel, Dubois, Foster, of Louisiana; McEnery, McLaurin, Mallory, Martin, Newlands, Pettus, Tallaferro, Teller, Tillman—18.

The bill passed carries into execution the treaty between the United States and Cuba, which was ratified last March. The treaty provides for a reduction of 20 per cent from the rates of duty under the Dingley law on all Cuban articles imported into the United States and a varying reduction of from 20 to 30 per cent from the established Cuban duty on articles imported into Cuba from the United States.

After the passage of the Cuban bill, the senate agreed to the house resolution providing for a holiday recess from December 19 to January 4.

Spooner Objects to Cubans.

Mr. Spooner in his speech, spoke of the varying positions of the opponents of the bill, and especially of the introduction of the Newlands resolution, inviting Cuba to become a part of the United States, deprecating it and saying that he hoped it would be postponed indefinitely, because, he said, sometimes invitations are regarded as commands.

"Let's confine our population so far as we can to our own race," he said.

Mr. Spooner replied to the charge that the bill is in the interest of the sugar trust, referring to the differing motives attributed by the opponents of the bill to the senators who favor it.

"Some of them," he said, "say we are sincere, but stupied; others that we are able, but dishonest. As to which of these accusations is correct," he concluded, "we will leave them to settle with their democratic colleagues who support the bill."

Mr. Spooner contended that all revenue measures should originate in the house of representatives, and said that he did not see how Mr. Lodge could reconcile his bill for the free admission of hides with this requirement.

Mr. Hoar did not agree with Mr. Spooner that the president and the senate could not make treaties affecting the revenue without the assent of the house of representatives. He did not, however, believe in the policy of treaties affecting th tariff and contended that direct legislation was easier of accomplishment than the exchange of treaties.

Bailey Warns Republicans.

Mr. Bailey discussed at some length the attitude of the democratic senators against the reciprocity provision of the McKinley law and in doing so, said he desired that democrats should think alike and vote alike and not be like their republican colleagues, who, because of the necessity of supporting an administration, were compelled to vote first and think afterwards. He confessed, however, that the republican party had not been alone in that respect, for democrats had done the same thing.

"But," he added, turning towards the republican side of the chamber, "you will hereafter get no senators from the white house from this side of the chamber, you'll have to take care of yourselves in the future."

This statement was accepted as a direct reference to the decision of the democratic caucus to stand as a unit on all measures agreed upon by a two-thirds vote of the caucus and aroused quick interest.

"In some way or another, the republican senators have been able to unite on measures without a party resolution, and when a man bolted, he was shot on the spot. They have carried party discipline to the point of abject submission; we have pursued our course to the point of insubordination. Now, I say that in the future, when your measures are right, you will have the solid democratic vote; if you are not right, we will oppose you."

Addressing the republican side of the chamber and leaning far over the aisle towards the republican senators, most of whom were in their seats and giving him their closest attention, Mr. Bailey said:

"I don't wonder that you look worried. You will get no help from us. You have been getting it, and always have been able to find some one over here who was willing to make an honorable exception, to use the language of the senator from Wisconsin, and vote for anything you might ask them to vote for. But you will get no more of our votes."

He concluded this feature of his address by asking to be pardoned for publicly rejoicing over a prospect of party unity, and explained that his present attitude must be explained by his great disappointment over the lack of unity in the recent past. He believed that with a return to the conditions before the war, the party would return to its successes of that time.

The senate adjourned until tomorrow.

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ROOT IS BACKING LEONARD WOOD

Secretary Appears Before Senate Military Committee.

Elaborate Defense Is Made of Wood. Root Assumes Responsibility for Many of the Acts for Which General Wood Has Been Attacked.

Washington, December 16.—Secretary Root was the first witness before the senate committee on military affairs which is investigating the protests against the confirmation of General Leonard Wood to be major general. The cmomittee convened at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Root's testimony was in defense of General Wood on the charges that have been made during the course of the hearings. He read extracts of official correspondence bearing on the charges and also concerning General Wood's administration as governor general of Cuba. He was on the witness stand two and a half hours.

The secretary's statement was an elaborate and carefully prepared defense of General Wood. He spent most of yesterday and a large part of last night assisted by the officers of the war department in the preparation of this argument.

The secretary made a specific reply to each of the charges that have been urged so far against General Wood's confirmation and assumed responsibility for many of the matters charged against General Wood, among others, it is understood the granting of a license to the Jai Alai. He devoted particular attention to the attack upon the integrity of the official accounts of the Cuban treasury while under General Wood's administration and then he was prepared with an immense amount of data to answer the charge of loose and faulty accounting and auditing.

He took occasion to say that the weakness of this charge might have been established long ago had the senate printed the accounts he transmitted to that body last winter in answer to a resolution.

Secretary Root was asked especially about the charge which Major Rathbone had made that General Wood had influenced the courts in the prosecution of Rathbone, and had tampered with the courts. The secretary explained at some length the court system in Cuba, saying that the court of first instance was in reality an officer directed to prosecute and to obtain evidence. He was something like a grand jury in finding evidence, but was further empowered to go out and obtain evidence, mingle with the people, procure affidavits and otherwise to collect evidence against alleged offenders. The secretary said he knew what General Wood was doing in this matter, and approved it.

The secretary said that, in fact, he directed that the prosecution of the offenders be vigorous and General Wood was acting in this matter under orders from the war department.

The secretary also took up the subject of the Jai Alai Company concession, and said that this was not a gambling company, nor was the game pelota played under the management of the company a gambling game any more than was a horse race or a game of baseball. Men could bet on the results, as upon other games of skill. He said that the concession, or right, of the Jai Alai Company was granted before the American occupation, and that the concession for which General Wood had been criticised was that of an addition to the building of the company. The only question in regard to this grant was whether or not it would be contrary to the Foraker amendment. The whole matter was referred to the war department by General Wood. The subject was first considered by Judge Magoon, law officer of the bureau of insular affairs, who after a most careful review of the case, had held that the extension did not come within the Foraker amendment preventing the granting of franchises in Cuba. The secretary said he reviewed Judge Magoon's opinion, and came to the same conclusion. The authority granted to the company was then approved by the war department, so that General Wood, in this matter, acted under the instructions and with the approval of the war department.

The committee received today a communication from Major Estes G. Rathbone asking that he be called again to direct attention to a number of things which he said the committee had ignored. He asked that his several requests for the subpena of Colonel Leb, Fourteenth United States cavalry, be acted upon. He suggested that Colonel Leb be requested to bring out the fact that Wood was not with his command on the first day's fight at Santiago on July 1, 1898. Request also was made that Major General Sumner be examined on the same subject. Attention was called by Major Rathbone to the fact that the committee had been asked several times to subpena Major Orlando Ducker, of Havana; Nathan, of Denver; Lieutenant Brooks, ex-auditor of Cuba, and W. H. Lancashire, an ex-auditing officer of Cuba.

The committee is asked in this statement, unless it is satisfied that General Wood knew the character of the correspondent, Bellairs, and recommended that the Associated Press retain him in its employ, to call Mr. Cairn, formerly chief special agent under General Bliss in Havana.

Other witnesses asked for by Major Rathbone, Senator Hanna and Senator Teller, are Bert A. Miller, of Canton, Ohio; Corydon A. Rich, of Muncie, Ind., and Francis E. Leupp, Washington correspondent of The New York Evening Post. In this connection the committee had been asked to obtain correspondence between General Ludlow and the adjutant general of the army growing out of an interview in The New York Evening Post concerning yellow fever conditions in Havana and Cuba under the Brooke and Wood administrations.

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Mosquito Fleet Goes South.

Port Royal, S. C., December 16.—The torpedo flotilla which is ultimately destined for Manila, sailed for Key West from here today.

TARIFF LIKENED TO SUSPENDERS

Too Tight in Some Places, Too Loose in Others.

But It Is Needful Just the Same, Declares Gibson—Dinsmore Attacks Roosevelt for the Latter's Course in Regard to Panama.

Washington, December 16.—Central American affairs were discussed in the house today, and also pensions, industrial and agricultural conditions and labor. The session lasted more than four hours, the house being in committee of the whole almost the entire time on the pension appropriation bill, on which no conclusion was reached.

Mr. Lind (dem.), of Minnesota, referring to an editorial published in a home paper, which he said reflected on his relations with Mr. Williams, the minority leader, stated that he desired to say that his business relations with Mr. Williams were of the most cordial character.

When the house convened, consideration of the pensions appropriation bill was resumed in committee of the whole, Mr. Gibson (rep.), of Tennessee, being the first speaker. He said the president had pursued a wise and prudent course in connection with the Panama situation. He declared that the south was prospering under republican tariff laws, and would prosper under a republican isthmian canal. He said the tariff was like a pair of suspenders—too tight in some places, too loose in others, but very needful just the same.

Mr. Bassett (dem.), of New York, spoke briefly on the Panama question, saying what the country wants to know is if the course pursued has been properly taken, and with a view to doing justice.

Duty of President.

Mr. Dinsmore (dem.), of Arkansas, replying to remarks made by Mr. Hitt (rep.), of Illinois, last week, said that he had not charged the administration with lawlessness, but had conscientiously described the act as he understood it to have been done. He renewed his contention that it was the duty of the president to have turned to Nicaragua, and repeated that the Spooner act had been violated. He insisted that the president had done wrong.

Mr. Dinsmore quoted from the speech made in New York last night by Assistant Secretary Loomis, saying that when Mr. Loomis said, "It became evident shortly after the opening of the Colombian congress, in June, that there was not the least intention of ratifying the Hay-Herran treaty," his (Mr. Dinsmore's) contention was sustained. He took issue with other statements made by Mr. Loomis. He said the Nicaragua route should be taken instead, asking what is a few millions more to this government. He repeated that buf for the action of this government there never would have been a republic of Panama.

Mr. Hitt (rep.), of Illinois, replying to Mr. Dinsmore, said:

"After a treaty by which we generously agreed to give $10,000,000 at their demand had been rejected with a bald and palpable spirit of blackmailing us out of $15,000,000 more, the gentleman from Arkansas says he would yield it. I will certify that all the democrats and all the republicans would give President Roosevelt withering execration and hissing and scorn if he submitted to that blackmail."

Mr. Hitt said the president had been accused of being too slow, then with being too fast. The president had only done his duty in the preserving of peace in the isthmus, which he was charged to do under the treaty. There was no other authority on the isthmus with which to negotiate a treaty than that recognized.

As to the Panama act, the administration's conduct was but the fulfillment of the law.

Livernash Scores Wright.

Mr. Birdsell (rep.), of Iowa, who succeeded former Speaker Henderson, compared industrial and agricultural conditions under democratic and republican administrations. He concluded with a eulogy of President Roosevelt. He was followed by Mr. Livernash, of California, who spoke on the labor question.

He said labor believed that some great wrong principle existed which needs remedying. It has been proposed that a congressional committee be appointed to make a careful inquiry, but he did not want such an inquiry, as would be made by the department of justice, which, he asserted, persecuted some little concerns instead of the Standard Oil or sugar trust, the very air of which was polluting. Nor, he added, were such reports wanted as would be made by the department of commerce and labor. He spoke of them as "kid glove" reports, because, he said, he saw evidence of kid gloves and not the ax.

"One of the greatest enemies of organized labor," he declared, "is Carroll D. Wright, with his distorted figures."

He declared there should be no Rockefellers or Carnegies.

At 4:15 p. m. the house adjourned until tomorrow.

Shot in Foot by Empty Gun.

Rome, Ga., December 16.—(Special.)—Young Jack Drennon was painfully and seriously shot in the right foot this morning and the wound may develop alarming complications. He was playing with a 22 caliber parlor rifle when he accidentally discharged it, the ball entering his foot at close range. The wound is a very ugly one for so small a ball, besides being powder burned. Young Drennon is the son of Mr. W. T. Drennon and he says he "didn't know the gun was loaded."

SUNDAY SALOONS FOR PARKHURST

Gotham Preacher Thinks Men Should Have Drink on Sabbath.

New York, December 16.—District Attorney Jerome has been placed at the head of a committee appointed by the excise committee of the citizens' union to wage vigorous campaign of amendments to the excise, including a provision for Sunday opening saloons from 1 o'clock in the afternoon to 11 o'clock at night.

A letter written to be read at the meeting was received from Dr. Parkhurst in which he said:

"I should, I think, assent with a good deal of earnestness that the saloons be opened for two hours each Sunday, but the ten hours' system I shall antagonize with all my might."

The minister says he recognizes the fact that there are thoroughly good citizens, who are sincerely law abiding, but nevertheless believe that they have a right to get beer on Sunday.

SPAT IN FACES OF SOLDIERS

Almost Incredible Brutality Proved on German Officer.

Berlin, December 16.—Owing to the mistreatment of soldiers on 152 counts and abuses of authority on one hundred counts, a non-commissioned officer named Franski, of the Eighty-fifth infantry, has been sentenced to five years' imprisonment and dishonorable discharge by courtmartial at Rendburg.

The court declared Franski "had displayed the brutality of an ox driver" and pronounced his superior officers guilty of negligent oversight.

Franski borrowed sums of money from soldiers habitually, and never repaid them and beat his subordinates with clubs and whips and spat in the faces of men. Several of the men were maltreated from 100 to 200 times each. One of them was dismissed from the service disabled. Franski had left the army and had become a policeman at Hamburg before his brutalities were disclosed.



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MARKET FOR SPOT HOLDS STEADY

Futures Market Moves in Sympathy and Holds Its Own.

MARKET A HOLIDAY AFFAIR

Trade Being Mostly Between Professionals—The Close Was Steady 2 to 5 Points Higher on Demand Chiefly from Southern Sources.

New York, December 16.—The cotton market opened steady at an advance of 5 points to a decline of 1 point, the gains being in sympathy with higher cables and further bullish advices as to the southern spot situation, which, however, were more or less conflicting and with receipts for the day promising to be large, the room element, influenced also by the reduction in Ellison's consumption figures, were inclined to take a bearish view of the situation and there was consequently considerable cotton offering at the opening advance and shortly after the call the market had been depressed to about last night's figures. It was soon rallied again, however, by a renewal of moderate bull support, and at one time showed a net advance of 4@5 points, easing off again in the afternoon under further liquidation, after which it ruled very irregular, but was steadied just before the close by demand chiefly from southern sources, and was finally steady, net 2 to 5 points higher. Sales for the day were only 150,000 bales, according to estimates, reflecting the continuance of a holiday market with most of the trading between professional operators, who seem satisfied with scalping for small turns. Port receipts for the day were over last year's and the estimates for tomorrow's movement were heavy. On the other hand, the exports were liberal and the southern spot markets were steady at generally unchanged prices.

Following table shows receipts, exports and stock at all ports yesterday:

	RECEIPTS		EXPORTS		STOCKS	
	1903	1902	1903	1902	1903	1902
Saturday	39717	45691	49788	29660	895050	1039331
Monday	53015	45 04	42186	65258	896838	1003449
Tuesday	62588	50178	32165	26075	922695	1036941
Wednesday	49187	43160	32274	40206	4976.2	1035864
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Friday	....	....	....	....	....	....
Total	204687	182838	156415	151224	....	....

The Liverpool Market.

Liverpool, December 16.—Cotton, spot business moderate with prices steady; middling uplands 6.76; sales 700 bales, American 6,500; speculation and export 500; receipts 28,300, all American.

Futures opened quiet.

	Open.	Close.
December	6.59	6.66
December-January	6.55	6.62
January-February	6.52	6.58
February-March	6.49	6.56-57
March-April	6.50	6.55
April-May	6.47	6.54
May-June	6.46	6.53
June-July	6.44	6.51
July-August	6.43	6.48-49

Futures closed steady.

Yesterday's Port Receipts.

The following table shows recipts at the ports yesterday compared with the same day last year:

	1903.	1902
Galveston	12,415	6,614
Norfolk	2,909	4,168
Brunswick	8,000	.....
Boston	126	372
Wilmington	1,732	3,396
Philadelphia	87	148
Savannah	6,559	7,801
New Orleans	16,471	14,514
Mobile	487	2,517
Charleston	332	2,051
New York	63	1,579
Total	49,187	43,160
INTERIOR MOVEMENT.		
Houston	14,442	6,918
Augusta	2,392	1,225
Memphis	2,378	1,159
St. Louis	550	450
Cincinnati	815	1,468
Total	20,377	11,220

Pointers for Today.

New Orleans expects 15,000 to 16,000 bales, against 11,052 actual last year; Galveston 16,000 to 18,000, against 7,063 actual last year; Houston 9,000 to 10,000, against 4,018 actual last year.

Review of the New Orleans Market.

New Orleans, December 16.—Spot cotton active and firmer. Most of the demand is said to be from those who have contracts for December delivery. Sales 9,750 bales, including 2,550 to arrive and 3,050 f. o. b. terms; delivered on contract 800. Quotations 1-16 higher.

Futures, influenced by the firmness of spots and the improvement in Liverpool, opened steady with prices unchanged to 4 points higher than yesterday's finals, and later developed a slight improvement, January advancing 5 points to 12.35, March 6 to 12.67, May 7 to 12.79, and July 8 points to 12.90. The market closed firm and within a point or two of the highest figures of the day with net gains of 5 to 7 points.

The Dry Goods Market.

New York, December 16.—Market conditions in dry goods have changed but little during the day, buyers continuing to evince reluctance at paying the present level, while the attitude of sellers is stronger than ever. Considerable business is being booked quietly at asking prices, which neither buyer nor seller are willing to say very much about. Jobbers are preparing for their semi-annual clearance sales, and house trade is not active.

The Howell Jones Co.'s Cotton Letter.

New York, December 16.—Liverpool, contrary to expectations, opened about 2 points lower for futures. Spots showed a gain of 2 points, Middling 6.76. At the close Liverpool had regained the initial loss and left off steady at an advance of 5 points over yesterday's close. The local market opened steady at an advance of 5 points to a decline of 1 point. The tendency was toward a lower level on the appearance of some selling pressure and further luiquidation for the account of the weaker bulls, while the shorts added to their lines. Bulls supported the market later for checking the downward tendency. The Ellison estimate of 103,000,000 bales at current prices falls flat in our markets, and prices at the close showed advances of 2 to 5 points over the previous close. Receipts at the ports 49,187 bales, against 43,160 last year.

Cothran & Co.'s Cotton Letter.

New York, December 16.—There was no change in condition in the cotton situation. The same advance over 12.50 as yesterday and the same decline later in the day. It was a good market to take profits on and one that shorts found too strong to break. Trading proved light. This has been the feature for three days now. Outside business has fallen off to merely nominal proportions and as long as this continues, the same conditions are likely to favor the seller who takes profits on and advance and runs the chance of getting his cotton back. When the market advanced early today, there was a lot of cotton for sale at over 12.50 for May, and this supplied the demand in spite of the Liverpool advance. Some cotton was taken by those who sold recently, and this helped the steadiness. On the large receipts estimated at Houston and later on at Galveston and New Orleans, there was some selling of cotton, and May reacted to 12.46. But the tone showed resistance to pressure and prices recovered later on. At no time was there any weakness. In view of the large movement and the fact that May sold at 12.16 last week, the market ruled decidedly firm. There are evidences of the next move in the cotton market. As far as evidences go, the market may advance or decline half a cent a pound. Thus far, however, honors are all with holders, and it will require a continuation of large receipts to bring about a break in prices. Still, every reasoning leads a conservative trader to buy on breaks only and to take profits on such advances as we have had recently. There will be opportunities to buy back the cotton, and it is advisable to take few risks at this price.

Miller & Co.'s Cotton Letter.

New York, December 16.—Liverpool opened down this morning, but soon rallied and closed 5 points above yesterday's closing price. New York showed a slight advance at the opening, and has continued steady with narrow fluctuations all during the day, reflecting professional trading in both the New York and New Orleans exchanges. But the support comes from the usual bull crowd. It is rumored that they are sending notices out of town that there is a large short interest and they expect the market to do better. Mr. Ellison in his estimate today puts the world's consumption of American cotton at 10,273,000 bales, with the possible curtailment of 200,000 bales, if the price advances and due to the superior spinning quality of this year's staple. Private cables report Manchester and Lancashire spinners trying to curtail consumption and asking American cooperation, but this act is having no effect on the market. The situation is hard to forecast at present. Both the bulls and bears are extremely cautious and no great change is anticipated immediately.

Atlanta Brokerage Co.'s Cotton Letter

New York, December 16.—Cotton futures today opened steady in tone with first prices at an advance of 5 points to a decline of 1 point. The gains were sympathetic with better English market advices than looked for. However, there appeared to be quite a little pressure, and at times the market displayed a sagging tendency as the day wore on. There was further liquidation for the account of certain bull interests, and a number of shorts added to their lines. However, at no time was the selling very aggressive, and subsequently there was a line of bull support which checked the downward course of the market. Irregularity developed later, but for the most part there was enough stability to the undertone to insure a large number of longs. The trade was only moderately active, and for the most part indicative of professional control. Spot prices were steady. There was a light demand and offerings were limited, judging from the advices from the south. The Ellison estimate had little effect on sentiment on this side in that the figures were rather difficult to understand by many interests and not a few interests failed to analyze them.

The Howell Jones Co.'s Cotton Letter.

Chicago, December 16.—Wheat was irregular at the opening, being a shade higher to a shade lower. Commission houses were active on the selling side as a result of the larger northwest receipts as compared with last year, though last year's movement was interferred with by a severe storm. Under the selling pressure prices declined sharply 3-4 to 7-8c, but in the afternoon a demand from commission houses and a fair export inquiry developed on which the market turned strong and close at strong at the top, May 1-2c higher. Clearances 462,500 bushels wheat and flour. Primary receipts 985,300, against 562,000 last year.

Corn was firm at the opening, but eased off later in sympathy with the decline in wheat. Firm cables and small receipts imported firmness again and prices rallied, the market remaining firm throughout the remainder of the session. The Iowa crop report was a help, in that it showed a reduction in the crop of 67,000,000 bushels from last year. The cash demand also showed improvement. May closed 3-8c higher.

There was little change in the prices of oats. The only features were selling by scalpers and some demand from commission houses. May closed 1-4 to 3-8c higher.

Hogs were lower and receipts were liberal, and provisions were lower in consequence. Prices were held steady at a small decline on buying by shorts.

Baxter & Co.'s Cotton Letter.

New York, December 16.—There was a better feeling in the early market on account of very good cables. Receipts were quite heavy, but nobody appeared to mind that except the bears, who are daily discovering that the heavy movement alone won't shake out bulls at this time. After the holidays it is expected that receipts will be so moderate that prices will be advanced with celerity. It is quite evident that the loudest bear is unwilling to sell at the present price, although they continue to point at the large movement. The fact is that the crop promises to be so small that nobody ventures to sell and bulls are expecting that the ginners' report next month will be very bullish, although the amount ginned may so far exceed last year as to convey an erroneous impression in the minds of those who fail to see the difference between the receipts and the amount ginned. Early prices were better and shorts covered freely, and before long prices hardened materially as southern reports came in that receipts would surely shrink before many days. Cables were much better as the day wore on and closed at 5 points advance. Yarns were quiet at Manchester and cloth offers too low. Receipts at ports 50,000, last year 43,000. Houston tomorrow, 10,000, against 4,000.

Hubbard Bros. & Co.'s Cotton Letter.

New York, December 16.—Liverpool was the firm market today and furnished the large portion of the demand here, as arbitrage brokers were buying during the morning hour. In the afternoon support came from New Orleans. Commission houses did a small business, largely realizing on the heavy movement, which promises to exceed the earlier estimates for the week. Interior receipts are also heavy. The market shows remarkable strength in face of this heavy movement, which promises to add to the visible supply again this week. The differences between New York and Liverpool have widened out nearly 15 points from the narrow differences of last week. The local temper is to avoid the short side, as the market does not respond to the movement, which is heavier than any one expected. The spot market was quiet and unchanged.

Bruce, Jones & Co.'s Cotton Letter.

Atlanta, December 16.—Foreign advices this morning were 1 to 3 points lower on opening, but gained 6 to 7 points from this level by the time of their close. The opening in our market was from 2 points lower to 4 points higher, and today's session was the dullest of the many dull ones of past week or so; in fact, there were no features worthy of mention. The range for the entire day only covered 7 points, and there seemed to be absolutely no disposition on either side to make fresh commitments. The port receipts were 52,000, against 42,000 last year. The weather summary told of rains in Texas, and predicted generally fair weather over the belt tonight and Thursday. With the entire absence of the public in the market we do not look for any wide differences for the next few days, and the present stagnation may continue until after the holidays. The fact that only minor changes take place each day makes the market a splendid one for the short turn operators.

The Liverpool Grain Market.

Liverpool, December 16.—Wheat, spot firm; No. 2 red western winter 6s 2 1-2d; futures quiet; December nominal; March 6s 4 1-8d; May 6s 3 1-8d.

Corn, spot firm; American mixed 4s 2d; futures quiet; January 4s 1-2d; March 3s 11 3-8d.

THE SPOT COTTON MARKETS IN DETAIL

MARKET.	Tone.	Middling	Net Receipts.	Gross Receipts.	Sales.	Stock.	EXPORTS TO Gt. Britain.	Coastwise.	Continent.	France.
Atlanta	Steady	12 1-4	921	.....	.....	11,081	.....	.....	.....	.....
Galveston	Steady	12 1-16	12,415	12,415	548	299,325	.....	3,161	.....	.....
Norfolk	Steady	12 1-4	2,909	2,909	588	22,985	.....	.....	.....	.....
Baltimore	Nominal	12.25	.....	375	.....	11,312	.....	.....	.....	.....
Boston	Steady	12.45	126	2,675	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wilmington	Steady	12	1,732	1,732	.....	21,660	.....	.....	.....	.....
Philadelphia	Steady	12.70	87	224	.....	3,004	.....	.....	.....	.....
Savannah	Firm	12 1-8	6,559	6,559	900	115,366	8,612	249	14,722	829
New Orleans	Steady	12 3-16	16,471	16,471	5,600	319,652	.....	2,000	.....	.....
Mobile	Very steady	12	487	487	600	46,340	.....	100	.....	.....
Memphis	Steady	12	2,378	2,378	2,600	98,922	.....	.....	.....	.....
Augusta	Steady	12 1-4	2,392	2,392	360	52,196	.....	.....	.....	.....
Charleston	Firm	12	332	332	200	14,839	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cincinnati	Dull	11	815	815	.....	5,936	.....	.....	.....	.....
Louisville	Firm	12 3-8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Louis	Firm	12 1-8	550	3,888	79	14,947	.....	.....	.....	.....
Houston	Steady	12 1-16	14,442	14,442	707	81,697	.....	.....	105	.....
New York	Quiet	12.45	63	5,993	.....	69,921	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brunswick	.....	.....	8,006	8,006	.....	12,617	8,006	.....	.....	.....

Galveston—Exports to Mexico 100 bales.

Total receipts today 49,187; Exports to Great Britain today 16,618; France 829; Continent 14,827; Mexico 100; Stock 937,622.

Consolidated receipts, 4 days, 204,657; Great Britain, 4 days, 77,380; France 18,105; Continent 60,930; Japan 2,256; Mexico 100.

Total since September 1 4,536,232; Great Britain 1,333,479; France 471,561; Continent 1,341,240; Japan 19,205; Mexico 17,053.

THE RANGE FOR COTTON OPTIONS.

RANGE IN NEW ORLEANS.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Last Sale.	Close.	Previous Close.
December	12.23	12.23	12.22	12.22	12.25-27	12.20-22
January	12.33	12.37	12.30	12.35	12.35-37	12.30-31
February	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.51-53	12.46-47
March	12.62	12.67	12.61	12.67	12.66-67	12.61-62
April	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.72-74	12.67-69
May	12.76	12.79	12.72	12.78	12.78-79	12.72-73
June	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.83-85	12.76-78
July	12.85	12.90	12.84	12.88	12.88-89	12.82-83
August	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.48-52	12.38

Closed steady.

RANGE IN NEW YORK.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Last Sale.	Close.	Previous Close.
December	12.18	12.21	12.14	12.17	12.16-18	12.14-15
January	12.27	12.27	12.21	12.25	12.24-25	12.22-23
February	12.33	12.35	12.33	12.35	12.34-36	12.31-33
March	12.43	12.46	12.39	12.43	12.43-44	12.40-41
April	12.48	12.50	12.46	12.50	12.48-50	12.46-48
May	12.50	12.54	12.47	12.52	12.51-52	12.47-48
June	12.48	12.52	12.47	12.40	12.51-52	12.46-48
July	12.48	12.53	12.46	12.50	12.51	12.46-47
August	12.15	12.20	12.14	12.18	12.17-18	12.16-17

Closed steady.

OFFICIAL RANGE AND SALES OF STOCKS

Railway Stocks.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid. Close.	Yes'day
Atchison	9,200	68⅝	68⅛	68¼	68⅜
do. preferred	200	92⅞	92⅞	92½	92½
Baltimore and Ohio	2,620	79½	79	79	79¼
do. preferred	355	88	88	87½	87½
Canadian Pacific	300	118¾	118¾	118	118¾
Central of New Jersey	.....	.....	.....	155	155
Chesapeake and Ohio	380	33¼	33	32¾	33
Chicago and Alton	800	35⅛	35	35⅛	35
do. preferred	.....	.....	.....	69	68½
Chic. and Great West.	1,300	16	15⅝	15⅝	15⅝
do. B preferred	300	28⅝	27½	27¾	27⅝
Chicago and Northwest	400	165	164¼	165	164
Chic. Term. and Tran. do. preferred	100	17¾	17¾	8½	8½
C., C., C. and St. Louis	300	78	77½	17¾	18
Colorado Southern	725	14½	14	77¾	77½
do. 1st preferred	200	53½	53¼	14¼	14¼
do. 2d preferred	.....	.....	.....	53½	54
Delaware and Hudson	200	158¾	158½	223¼	23
Del., Lack. and West	.....	.....	.....	158	158½
Denver and Rio Grande	.....	.....	.....	240	240
do. preferred	.....	.....	.....	21⅞	21¾
Erie	10,970	30⅛	29⅝	72	72
do. 1st preferred	1,280	68⅛	67⅞	29¾	30
do. 2d preferred	800	51	50½	67¾	67¾
Great Northern pref	.....	.....	.....	50⅜	48¾
Hocking Valley	.....	.....	.....	160	160
do. preferred	.....	.....	.....	73½	73½
Illinois Central	350	129¾	129¼	83	83
Iowa Central	300	21	21	129½	129¼
do. preferred	200	39	39	21	21
Kansas City Southern	.....	.....	.....	38	38
do. preferred	100	35	35	18¼	18¾
Louis. and Nashville	.....	.....	.....	34	34¼
Manhattan L	100	142	142½	106¼	106½
Metropolitan St. Ry	500	122½	121½	141½	141
Minneapolis and St. L	500	61½	60½	121¾	121¼
Missouri Pacific	4,725	93½	92⅞	60	60
Missouri, Kan. and Tex. do. preferred	900	39⅝	39	93	93
Natl. Ry. of Mex. pref	100	37	37	17½	17½
New York Central	680	119	117½	37	38
Norfolk and Western	350	58	57⅜	118¼	118⅜
do. preferred	.....	.....	.....	57½	57⅜
Ontario and Western	460	21¾	21⅜	85	88
Pennsylvania	30,900	117⅝	117	21⅜	21⅜
Pitts., C. C. and St. L	.....	.....	.....	117¼	117½
Reading	5,600	44½	44¼	60	60
do. 1st preferred	.....	.....	.....	44¼	44⅜
do. 2d preferred	.....	.....	.....	76¾	76⅞
Rock Island Co.	3,050	25⅞	25½	59½	59
do. preferred	.....	.....	.....	25½	25⅜
St. L. and S. F. 1st pfd	.....	.....	.....	61¼	61¼
do. 2d preferred	100	44⅜	44¼	85	85
St. Louis Southwestern	100	13½	13½	60	60
do. preferred	.....	.....	.....	44	44½
St. Paul	15,900	143¾	142⅜	13	13⅜
do. preferred	120	171⅞	171⅞	31	32
Southern Pacific	828	48¾	48	142⅝	142
Southern Railway	900	21⅝	21	171⅜	171⅞
do. preferred	525	78	77⅝	48	48½
Texas and Pacific	200	25¼	25¼	21	21
				77½	77¼
				25¼	25¼

Total sales for the day, 323,600 shares.

Railway Stocks.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid. Close.	Yes'day
Toledo, St. L. and West	500	22	22	22	21¾
do. preferred	.....	.....	.....	35	35
Union Pacific	12,950	79½	78¾	78½	78⅞
do. preferred	550	88	87¾	87½	88
Wabash	100	20½	20⅛	20	20⅛
do. preferred	800	37¼	36¾	36⅜	37
Wheeling and L. Erie	.....	.....	.....	16¾	16⅞
Wisconsin Central	100	17⅛	17⅛	17⅛	17⅛
do. preferred	200	38⅝	38	38	38¼

Express Companies.

Adams	.....	.....	.....	222	221
American	.....	.....	.....	184	185
United States	.....	.....	.....	101	101
Wells Fargo	.....	.....	.....	202	200

Miscellaneous.

Amalgamated Copper	53,074	48¾	47½	48	47¾
Amer. Car Foundry	1,000	19¾	19	19	19
do. preferred	300	67½	67	66½	66¼
American Linseed Oil	100	9¼	9⅛	9	9
do. preferred	100	30	30	28	30
American Locomotive	300	14¾	14½	14½	14⅞
do. preferred	250	76	76	76	75½
Amer. Smelt. and Refng	3,120	49¼	48½	49⅛	48¾
do. preferred	.....	.....	.....	90⅛	90¼
Amer. Sugar Refining	22,750	125⅞	123⅞	124¼	123⅝
Anaconda Mining Co	250	79	79	78	79
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	40,500	51⅝	49⅝	50⅜	49⅝
Colorado Fuel and Iron	700	27⅞	26	27	28
Colum. and Hock. Coal	100	12½	12½	12¼	12¼
Consolidated Gas	4,200	185½	180¼	184½	183½
General Electric	443	165	164½	164	164
International Paper	1,700	11	10½	10¾	10½
do. preferred	.....	.....	.....	61	62
International Pump	.....	.....	.....	29	29
do. preferred	.....	.....	.....	70	70
National Biscuit	200	37	37	36¾	36¾
National Lead	200	15½	15½	15¾	15¾
North American	.....	.....	.....	75½	75
Pacific Mail	210	25	25	24	25
People's Gas	1,900	98	97¼	97½	97⅜
Pressed Steel Car	150	26½	26½	26¼	25½
do. preferred	.....	.....	.....	66	66
Pullman Palace Car	155	217¾	217¾	215	214
Republic Steel	100	6½	6½	6¾	6½
do. preferred	900	39½	38¾	38¾	39½
Rubber Goods	1,000	18	17½	17¾	17¾
do. preferred	300	72	72	70	72
Tenn. Coal and Iron	2,650	33⅞	32⅜	33	32¾
United States Leather	950	7¼	7¼	7⅛	7½
do. preferred	100	76½	76½	76	76⅝
United States Rubber	.....	.....	.....	9¼	9
do. preferred	.....	.....	.....	39½	39½
United States Steel	4,800	10½	10¼	10⅜	10⅜
do. preferred	45,200	53½	52⅜	52⅞	52⅜
Western Union	475	87½	87	87	87
Va.-Car. Chemical Co.	1,160	27¾	27	26½	26½
do. preferred	160	95⅞	95⅞	94	95
Seaboard Air Line	.....	.....	.....	13	13
do. preferred	.....	.....	.....	21	22⅜
do. 4s bonds	.....	.....	.....	72¼	72½

CLOSING BOND QUOTATIONS.

N Y BONDS AND STOCKS		Chicago and Northwestern consol 7s	131
U. S. refunding 2s, registered	105½	Chicago, R. I. and Pacific R. R. 4s	69¾
U. S. refunding 2s, coupon	106	Chicago, R. I. and Pacific R. R. con. 5s	74⅛
U. S. 3s, registered	107¼	C. C. C. and St. Louis gen. 4s	95¼
U. S. 3s coupon	107½	Chicago Terminal 4s	76
U. S. new 4s, registered	133½	Consolidated Tobacco 4s	56⅜
U. S. new 4s, coupon	133½	Colorado Southern 4s	84½
U. S. old 4s, registered	109	Denver and Rio Grande 4s	99½
U. S. new 4s, coupon	110	Erie prior lien 4s	98½
U. S. 5s, registered	101¼	Fort Worth and Denver City 1st	103
U. S. 5s, coupon	101¼	Erie gen 4s	86¾
Atchison general 4s	100¼	Hocking Valley 4½s	106
Atchison adjustment 4s	87	Louisville and Nash. unified 4s	100½
Atlantic Coast Line 4s	93½	Manhattan consol gold 4s	102
Baltimore and Ohio 4s	100¾	Mexican Central 4s	70¼
Baltimore and Ohio 3½s	95	Mexican Central 1st inc	14½
Central of Georgia 1st inc	68	Minn. and St. Louis 4s	97
Central of Georgia 1st inc. do. 2d inc	68 / 28¼	Missouri, Kansas and Texas 4s	96¾
Chesapeake and Ohio 4½s	102¼	Missouri, Kansas and Texas 2ds	77¼
Chicago and Alton 3½s, offered	75	National R. R. of Mexico consol 4s	75¾
Chicago, B. and Quincy new 4s	92½	New York Central gen. 3½s	99½
Chicago, M. and St. Paul gen. 4s	111	New Jersey Central gen. 5s	230¾
		Northern Pacific 4s	102¾
		Northern Pacific 3s	70¾
		Norfolk and Western consol 4s	96⅞
		Oregon Short Line 4s and partic	92½
		Pen. conv. 3½s	95½
		Reading general 4s	96¾
		St. Louis and Iron Mountain consol	
		St. Louis and San Francisco fg. 4s	84¼
		St. Louis and Southwestern 1sts	92½
		Seaboard Air Line 4s, offered	73
		Southern Pacific 4s	87¾
		Southern Railway 5s	113⅜
		Texas and Pacific 1sts	114⅜
		Toledo, St. L. and Western 4s	60½
		Union Pacific Convertible 4s	95½
		Union Pacific 4s	102½
		St. L. and Iron Mountain con. 5s	111¾
		U. S. steel 2d 5s	69¾
		Wabash 1sts	113¾
		Wabash deb. B	61
		Wheeling and Lake Erie 4s	87¾
		Wisconsin Central 4s	90
		Colorado Fuel conv	70

CLOSING PRICES WERE ABOUT TOP

Seaboard Reported 22 Boat Loads of Wheat Taken for Export.

GAVE SHORTS THEIR CUE

They Covered Freely Late in Day. May Closed 1-2c Higher—Corn Was Up 3-8c and Oats 1-4 to 3-8c — Provisions Were Weak.

Chicago, December 16.—Fresh indications of a curtailment of the Argentina exportable surplus and an increased foreign demand were influential in causing a net gain of ½c in May wheat here today. Corn was ⅜c higher and oats were up ¼@⅜c. Provisions were weak.

Comparatively firm cables and continued rainy weather in Argentina were the main factors in bringing out a fair general demand for May wheat early, May opening a shade lower to a shade higher at 80⅞@81c and advancing to 81⅛@81¼c. Northwest receipts, however, were nearly double those on the preceding year and southwestern receipts also showed large gains. These features were responsible for a selling movement that carried May down to 80½@80⅝c. The crowd seemed to be bearishly inclined and ther was little support offered. A leading long sold a big line of July openly, and it was rumored he was selling May through brokers. Quite a lot of long wheat came out on this weak spot, but when the selling ceased a good demand from commission houses and pit traders started a rally. Seaboard reported 22 boat loads taken for export, and this gave shorts their cue and they covered freely late in the day. Closing prices were at about the top figures. May closed ½c higher at 81⅜@81½c after touching 81½c. Clearances equaled 462,500 bushels. Primary receipts were 985,300, compared with 562,000 a year ago. Minneapolis, Duluth and Chicago reported 568 cars, against 629 last week and 310 a year ago.

Advancing tendency in corn received a check from the early decline in wheat, but it soon rallied and remained firm throughout the day. Receipts and firm cables were partly responsible for the firmness. The Iowa crop report was the occasion of a fair upturn in May. It showed a reduction of 67,000,000 bushels in the precent crop from that of last year. There was also a considerable improvement in the cash demand. After opening a shade higher at 43⅜c, May sold between 43¼@43¾c, closing at 43⅝@43¾c. Receipts 77 cars.

Little demand from commission houses and selling by scalpers were about the only features in the trading in oats. There was no evidence of any selling by the big longs. Prices showed little change. May opened unchanged at 36⅝c, ranged between 36⅛@36⅜c and 37c, closing at 36⅞@37c. Receipts 46 cars.

Provisions were weaker, as was expected, owing to the liberal hog receipts with a compared with 75,000 a year ago. Buying by shorts was in sufficient evidence to hold prices steady at a small decline. May pork closed 12½c lower at $11.62½; May lard and ribs were each off 7½@10c at $6.52½@6 20.

Estimated receipts tomorrow: Wheat 75 cars; corn 135 cars; oats 105 cars; hogs 16,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT—				
Dec. new	78⅜	78¾	77⅞	78⅝
May	81	81½	80⅝	81⅛
July	76	76⅝	75⅝	76⅜
CORN—				
Dec.	41⅞	42¼	41¾	42¼
May	43½	43⅝	43¼	43¾
July	43⅛	43½	43	43½
OATS—				
Dec.	35	35¼	35	35¼
May	36⅜	37	36⅜	37
July	33⅞	34	33¾	34
MESS PORK—				
Jan.	11.25	11.25	11.20	11.25
May	11.55	11.65	11.55	11.62½
LARD—				
Jan.	6.35	6.35	6.32½	6.32½
May	6.55	6.55	6.50	6.52½
SHORT RIBS—				
Jan.	6.02½	6.02½	6.00	6.02½
May	6.20	6.22½	6.17½	6.20

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments
Flour, barrels	41,600	18,700
Wheat, bushels	150,300	45,700
Corn, bushels	180,900	39,000
Oats, bushels	214,300	125,900
Rye, bushels	4,600	2,300
Barley, bushels	80,700	13,800

Cothran & Co.'s Grain Letter.

Chicago, December 16.—Wheat—The start was fairly firm and the buying looked like Armour of May, while there was selling of a good lot by St. Louis; also sales of July that were thought to be for Armour. Cudahy brokers sold May, but scalpers were inclined to cover shorts and there was a scattered commission house demand, but trade generally was light and of a holiday character. The strength in corn was a bull help, and there was an improvement in the cash demand, as well as private cables from Rosario, denoting very bad weather for harvesting that contributed to the late strength, in addition to twenty-two loads worked for export. Buying of May and selling of July by the Armour people was a decided feature today, and it appears as if they were getting a stronger grip on the former. We feel friendly to wheat and favor purchases of May whenever weak.

Corn—The weather was favorable, but offerings were very light and the buying was of good character, but largely local, with the cash market strong. A little selling appeared, but the buying by Comstock and other local traders more than absorbed the offerings, with the outlook favoring higher prices.

Oats moved up with corn, as well as on light receipts, but operations were light and without feature.

Provisions were freely sold on large run of hogs that were in excess of last year. Cudahy bought lard. Slight recoveries appeared toward the close.

Baxter & Co.'s Grain Letter.

Chicago, December 16.—There was again a quiet trade in wheat during the morning with limited change. No attention seemed to be paid to the cables or cable news. The continued general movement in southwest, and the fact that northwest receipts showed up large compared with last year, when the movement was delayed by storm, induced a little selling, but later prices rallied. There was some reports of damage to Argentina wheat from rains. Northwestern milling output is falling off somewhat.

Corn was about steady early, improving later with comparatively light offerings.

Oats were quiet and steady all morning.

Provisions were active and weak, declining quite sharply at the opening on the big receipts of hogs and lower prices at the stock yards.

Miller & Co.'s Grain Letter.

New York, December 16.—Comparatively firm cables, as much as anything, caused a better tone when the market opened this morning. The trade were disposed to play for a reaction, and were quite generally on the buying side, but the market was too freely supplied with wheat to admit of a permanent advance at that time. A sharp break in Pacifics was precipitated by heavy selling for St. Louis and early buyers became sellers on the decline. It is thought Armour bought May wheat in quantities sufficient to cause a reaction in the

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GEORGIA, FULTON COUNTY.—By virtue of an order of the Court of Ordinary of said county, granted at the December term, 1903, will be sold before the court house door of said county, on the first Tuesday in January next, within the legal hours of sale, the following property of the estate of Mrs. Catherine Elizabeth Jacobs, deceased, to-wit: Part of land lot No. 83, in the 14th district of Fulton county, Georgia, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the north side of Rhodes street 175 feet west of Elliott street and running thence north 120 feet, thence west 96 feet, thence south 120 feet to Rhodes street, thence east 96 feet to the point of beginning. Terms cash. E. M. Roberts and C. J. Simmons, executors of the will of Mrs. Catherine Elizabeth Jacobs, deceased.

GEORGIA, FULTON COUNTY.—Ordinary's Office, December 9, 1903. George W. Coates, administrator of Marion S. Houser, deceased, represents that he has fully discharged the duties of his said trust, and prays for letters of dismission. This is, therefore, to notify all persons concerned to show cause, if any they can, on or before the first Monday in January next, why said administrator should not be discharged from said trust.
JOHN R. WILKINSON, Ordinary.

GEORGIA, FULTON COUNTY.—Ordinary's Office, December 9, 1903. Eugene M. Mitchell, administrator of estate of Elizabeth C. Peavy, deceased, represents that he has fully discharged the duties of his said trust, and prays for letters of dismission. This is, therefore, to notify all persons concerned to show cause, if any they can, on or before the first Monday in January next, why said administrator should not be discharged from said trust.
JOHN R. WILKINSON, Ordinary.

GEORGIA, FULTON COUNTY.—Ordinary's Office, December 9, 1903. Dollie C. Parks, guardian of Tinie Clare Parks, represents that she has fully discharged the duties of her said trust, and prays for letters of dismission. This is, therefore, to notify all persons concerned to show cause, if any they can, on or before the first Monday in January next, why said guardian should not be discharged from said trust.
JOHN R. WILKINSON, Ordinary.

GEORGIA, FULTON COUNTY.—Ordinary's Office, December 9, 1903. Mrs. Georgia A. Tommey, administratrix of estate of A. P. Tommey, deceased, represents that she has fully discharged the duties of her said trust, and prays for letters of dismission. This is, therefore, to notify all persons concerned to show cause, if any they can, on or before the first Monday in January next, why said administratrix should not be discharged from said trust.
JOHN R. WILKINSON, Ordinary.

GEORGIA, FULTON COUNTY.—Ordinary's Office, December 9, 1903. E. L. and Joe Brooks, administrators of estate of Isabella Brooks, deceased, represent that they have fully discharged the duties of their said trust, and pray for letters of dismission. This is, therefore, to notify all persons concerned to show cause, if any they can, on or before the first Monday in January next, why said administrators should not be discharged from said trust.
JOHN R. WILKINSON, Ordinary.

GEORGIA, FULTON COUNTY.—Ordinary's Office, December 9, 1903. Maude Barker Cobb, administratrix of estate of Thomas R. R. Cobb, deceased, represents that she has fully discharged the duties of her said trust, and prays for letters of dismission. This is, therefore, to notify all persons concerned to show cause, if any they can, on or before the first Monday in January next, why said administratrix should not be discharged from said trust.
JOHN R. WILKINSON, Ordinary.

GEORGIA, FULTON COUNTY.—Ordinary's Office, December 9, 1903. James L. Burnett has applied for letters of administration on the estate of Nancy M. A. Burnett, deceased. This is, therefore, to notify all concerned that the same will be heard on the first Monday in January next.
JOHN R. WILKINSON, Ordinary.

GEORGIA, FULTON COUNTY.—Ordinary's Office, December 9, 1903. Mrs. Fannie R. Rauschenberg has applied for letters of administration on the estate of John E. Renfroe, deceased. This is, therefore, to notify all concerned that the same will be heard on the first Monday in January next.
JOHN R. WILKINSON, Ordinary.

GEORGIA, FULTON COUNTY.—Ordinary's Office, December 9, 1903. Columbus Kemp has applied for letters of administration on the estate of Eliza Kemp, deceased. This is, therefore, to notify all concerned that the same will be heard on the first Monday in January next.
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GEORGIA, FULTON COUNTY.—Ordinary's Office, December 9, 1903. James W. Yancey has applied for letters of administration on the estate of Benjamin H. Thurman, deceased. This is, therefore, to notify all concerned that the same will be heard on the first Monday in January next.
JOHN R. WILKINSON, Ordinary

GEORGIA, FULTON COUNTY.—Ordinary's Office, December 9, 1903. James McFadden Gaston, Jr., has applied for letters of administration on the estate of James McFadden Gaston, Sr., deceased. This is, therefore, to notify all concerned that the same will be heard on the first Monday in January next.
JOHN R. WILKINSON, Ordinary.

GEORGIA, FULTON COUNTY.—Ordinary's Office, December 9, 1903. W. A. Foster has applied for letters of administration on the estate of Alesin L. Doolittle, deceased. This is, therefore, to notify all concerned that the same will be heard on the first Monday in January next.
JOHN R. WILKINSON, Ordinary.

GEORGIA, FULTON COUNTY.—Ordinary's Office, December 9, 1903. Mrs. Jennie B. Wey has applied for letters of guardianship of the person and property of Ralph L. Hamilton, minor, under the age of fourteen years. This is, therefore, to notify all concerned that the same will be heard and letters granted therein on the first Monday in January next.
JOHN R. WILKINSON, Ordinary.

GEORGIA, FULTON COUNTY.—Ordinary's Office, December 9, 1903. Hamilton Douglas, administrator of estate of Eliza A. Moss, deceased, has applied for leave to sell the land of said deceased. This is, therefore, to notify all concerned to file their objections, if any they have, on or before the first Monday in January next, else leave will then be granted said applicant as applied for.
JOHN R. WILKINSON, Ordinary.

GEORGIA, FULTON COUNTY.—Court of Ordinary, Chambers, December 9, 1903. The appraisers appointed upon the application of Emma C. Connally, widow of Silas N. Connally, for a twelve months' support for herself and minor children having filed their return, all persons concerned are hereby cited to show cause, if any they have, at the next January term of this court, why said application should not be granted.
JOHN R. WILKINSON, Ordinary.

GEORGIA, FULTON COUNTY.—Court of Ordinary, Chambers, December 9, 1903. The appraisers appointed upon the application of Callie Travic, widow of John Travic, for a twelve months' support for herself and minor children having filed their return, all persons concerned are hereby cited to show cause, if any they have, at the next January term of this court, why said application should not be granted.
JOHN R. WILKINSON, Ordinary.

GEORGIA, FULTON COUNTY.—Ordinary's Office, December 11, 1903. W. J. Tilson, guardian of property of Ferdinand B. Lochrane, an insane person, has applied for leave to sell the land of said insane person. This is, therefore, to notify all concerned to file their objections, if any they have, on or before the first Monday in January next, else leave will then be granted said applicant as applied for.
JOHN R. WILKINSON, Ordinary.

SPECIAL MASTER'S SALE.

By virtue of a decree of foreclosure and sale made and entered by the Circuit Court of the United States for the Northern District of Georgia, held at Atlanta thereln on the 14th day of November, 1903, in the case of Lewis A. Thompson and Thomas M. Thompson, Executors of the Estate of Thomas Thompson, deceased, v. James Banks, Admr. of Frederick Kicklighter, deceased, I, as Special Master, appointed for such purpose by the said decree, will sell at public vendue, to the highest bidder for cash, in bar and free of all right and equity of redemption in said defendant, at the door of the Court House of Fulton County, in the City of Atlanta, County of Fulton, on the fifth day of January, 1904, between the legal hours of sale, the following described lot or parcel of ground described in the bill in said cause and situated in the City of Atlanta, County of Fulton and State of Georgia, to-wit: Commencing at Mrs. Mary A. Kicklighter's southwest corner on Larkin (formerly Davis) street, thence running north two hundred and forty-one (241) feet to West Fair (formerly Stephens) street; thence west along the south side of West Fair street eighty-one (81) feet; thence south two hundred and fifty-one and one-half (251½) feet to Larkin street; thence east along the north side of Larkin street eighty-one (81) feet to the beginning point; being a half acre more or less in Land Lot No. 84 of the Fourteenth District of said County, together with all the improvements thereon.
CHARLES M. ROBERTS, Special Master.

STATE OF GEORGIA, FULTON COUNTY—To the Superior Court of Said County:
The petition of N. P. Pratt Laboratory respectfully shows as follows, to-wit:
1st. Petitioner was duly incorporated and made a body politic under the order of this honorable Court dated June 21, 1899.
2nd. Under its order of incorporation the paid in capital stock was to be sixty thousand ($60,000) dollars, divided into shares of the par value of one hundred ($100) dollars each, with authority, by vote of a majority in interest of its shareholders, to increase its capital stock from time to time in any amount not exceeding one hundred thousand ($100,000) dollars.
3rd. Subsequently, to-wit, on the 1st day of January, 1900, the capital stock of the corporation was so increased from sixty thousand ($60,000) dollars to one hundred thousand ($100,000) dollars.
4th. Petitioner desires authority to further increase its capital stock from time to time, by a vote of the majority in interest of its shareholders, in any amount not exceeding three hundred thousand ($300,000) dollars.
5th. Petitioner desires that its original order of incorporation be so amended as to authorize the corporation to issue preferred stock not exceeding in the aggregate the par value of the common stock then outstanding, such preferred stock to receive dividends out of profits when earned and declared at a rate not exceeding six (6 per cent) per centum per annum, non-cumulative, which dividends shall be declared and paid before any dividends are paid upon the common stock; and in the event of the dissolution or winding up of the corporation, such preferred stock shall be given a preference as to principal and such unpaid dividends as may have been declared over the common stock, and shall be paid in full before anything is paid on the common stock. Such preferred stock may be issued from time to time in such series and denominations, and be given such right to participate in the management of the affairs of the corporation, as may be declared by a vote of a majority in interest of the common shareholders. Other than as herein prescribed and limited, such preferred stock shall be subject to regulation as to its terms and conditions as may be declared by By-Laws or other proper action of the corporation.
Wherefore, Petitioner prays that its original order of incorporation be so amended as to authorize the corporation to increase its

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EARLY ADVANCES LOST BEFORE NOON

Four Stocks Figured for Fully Half of Day's Transrotions.

COPPER LEADER AS USUAL

Steel Preferred, Brooklyn Transit and Sugar Followed in Order Named—The Market at the Close Was Intensely Dull but Steady.

New York, December 15.—The stock market took on the tone of holiday dullness and apathy today. Fully half the day's transactions were in four stocks, namely, Amalgamated Copper, United States steel preferred, Pennsylvania and Brooklyn Rapid Transit. An advance in a few of the specialties caused some sympathetic response in the general list, but the advances were largely lost before the noon hour. The almost total lack of demand for stocks allowed a gravitating tendency to assert itself in spite of the very light pressure to sell stocks. Brooklyn Transit's rise setmed due to buying from the same sources as for some time, but the approach of the opening to traffic of the new bridge from New York across the East river was given as a reason for the demand for the stock on account of a prospect of increased traffic from that cause. Sugar's advance was supposed to be due to the imminence of the passage of the Cuban reciprocity bill through the senate. The market for Copper continued very active and the price moved irregularly. The activity of the raw copper market in London was an influence on the stock, but the dealings were attributed to an organized speculative movement. The repression upon the market which was evident was not easily explainable. The disturbed tendency of the money market, which often becomes apparent towards the close of the year, is entirely lacking at present. Currency is moving freely towards New York from the west, and the continued movement towards New Orleans is not sufficient to offset the inflow. The large receipts of gold and the incoming shipments still to be received before the turn of the year afford assurance of easy conditions of money for the small remaining period of the year, after which a natural influx of funds to this center is looked for. The perusal of the arguments of counsel in the Northern Securities case, as published today, undoubtedly had its effect upon the day's speculative sentiment, both as influencing opinions as to the probable decision in that case, and as suggesting probable collateral applications of the principles at issut in the case There was much discussion of the condition in the iron and steel trades owing to the large gathering of representatives of those trades here to discuss the maintenance of prices. There was no very confident feeling observable that present prices could be held, and the existence of some of the pools designed to hold rates was feared to be endangered, threatening open competition and cutting off rates in some of the branches of the steel trade. This seemed to be the underlying cause of the dullness in the stock dealings as much as anything else. The demand for remittance is to cover interest and dividend obligations to foreign security holders, and the holiday remittances to friends by foreigners resident here is also a conspicuous factor in the seasonable firmness of foreign exchange.

Bonds were rather dull and heavy. Total sales, par value, $1,560,000.

United States bonds were unchanged on call.

Money on call, steady at 4 1-2@5 per cent; closing bid and offered at 4; time loans slightly easier; 60 and 90 days 6 per cent; six months 5@5 1-4 per cent.

Prime mercantile paper 6 per cent.

Sterling exchange strong with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.83 at $4.84.15 for demand and $4.80.60 at $4.80.70 for 60 days; posted rates $4.81½ and $4.84½ at $4.85. Commercial bills $4.80 1-4 at $4.80 3-8.

Bar silver 55 3-8c.

Mexican dollars 42c.

oGvernment bonds steady.

Railroad bonds heavy.

Foreign Finances.

London, December 16.—Consols for money 8 811-16; for account 88 15-16.

Atchison 70 3-4; do. preferred 95 3-4; Illinois Central 134; Louisville and Nashville 110 1-2.

Bar silver firm at 25 7-8d.

Money 3@3 1-4.

Shirt bills 3 3-4@37-8; three months 3 5-8@3 3-4.

Bullion to the amount of £20.000 was withdrawn from the Bank of England for shipment to Malta.

Indra coupon bills were allotted today a ls 4 1-8d.

Bar gold 77s 11 1-4d. American eagles 76s 6 1-4d.

Berlin, December 16—Exchange on London 20 marks 43 1-4 pfennigs for checks. Short bills 4 per cent; three months 3 5-8.

Paris, December 16.—Three per cent rentes 97 francs 92 1-2 centimes ,ex-interest for the account.

The Treasury Statement.

Washington, December 16.—Today's treasury balances exclusive of the gold reserve show: Available cash balance, $227,774,151; gold, $116,332,723.

The Howell Jones Co.'s Stock Letter.

New York, December 16.—The trading in the stock market was dull today. Professionals did a fair amount of business, but outsiders showed an inclination to hold off, due to the conflicting advices regarding the Steel and Copper securities, being bearish on the former, but traders were averse to increasing their short contracts, believing a big short interest exists in that stock. The buying of Copper was good and shorts are credited with having covered quite freely the past few days. The market was of a holiday character, and transactions were confined mostly to four stocks—Copper, Brooklyn Transit, Steel preferred and Pennsylvania. An advance in the general list followed the better prices in a few specialties, but it was nearly all lost before the close, which was dull but steady.

Atlanta Brokerage Co.'s Stock Letter.

New York, December 16.—There was only a moderate trade in the stock market today. The views of many traders were mixed and conflicting at times and operations were well scattered. The professional element did a fair line of business, while outsiders in many instances were inclined to hold off in consequence of the conflicting advices current regarding the steel and copper securities. The talk regarding the former was rather bearish, but since it was figured that there is a big short interest in the Steel stocks many observers were averse to increasing their short contracts. There was a lot of good buying of Copper and shorts are credited with having covered quite freely during the past few days. The banks were credited with strengthening their position and therefore there is a better bank statement looked for next Saturday, and the chances favored an early return to easy money. The earnings were quite favorable, and the late market reflected quite a lot of liquidation, but the stocks coming out were well taken. But there were few if any statistics that were worthy of special mention. The market for outside stocks was steady. Bonds were irregular, but there was a fair investment demand.

Miller & Co.'s Stock Letter.

New York, December 16.—We have had a dull day. Room traders sold some stocks in the first and last hours. We still think the railroads are all right, and they are being well held, and we think they should be bought and not sold short. Think the industrials will sell lower, and even in this regard it is well to remember that they are lower than they were a year ago. Outside interest is lacking, and we believe the market will remain dull until after the holidays, and that the next turn in the market will be upward. The so-called sugar bill is expected to be passed tonight or tomorrow, but its effects upon the stock of the American Sugar Company is to a large extent discounted. We still think Erie cheaper intrinsically than most of the other stocks.

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Cothran & Co.'s Stock Letter.

New York, December 16.—Dullness was the most conspicuous feature of today's market. Strength was shown in the undertone. There was practically no pressure to sell, and the market became dull on declines. One or two specialties were marked up, but the uncertainty in the steel situation seemed to incline speculators to assume a waiting attitude. We believe that the market may spring into activity at any moment, and urge the purchase of standard rails on all spots. Money conditions are much improved, and beneath the surface ease is noticed. The prospect of a good bank statement, based on the operations with the subtreasury, the interior and Europe are all favorable, should incite traders to work for a recovery.

Baxter & Co.'s Stock Letter.

New York, December 16.—There was a further shrinkage in activity in the market today, and prices drifted somewhat aimlessly. London was a negligible factor, and the dealings were almost wholly in the hands of floor traders. News of the day was unimportant. Call money continued to rule at a comparatively low level, and the preliminary indications in the minetary situation points to a favorable bank statement. A sharp advance in sterling exchange appeared to preclude for the moment any further gold imports. Reports on the pig iron industry continued favorable, and little credence was given to rumors of probable reductions in finished material by the steel pools this week. In the general market the fluctuations were not important, the principal changes being confined to specialties. In the late transactions some unfavorable rumors regarding mercantile affairs were put into circulation, but they could not be confirmed. The market closed unsettled and somewhat heavy.

Flour, Grain and Meal.

Atlanta, December 16.—Flour: Diamond patent $5.75; fancy patent $5.50; straights $4.90; extra fancy $4.10; fancy $3.50; first patent spring wheat $5.25. Corn, choice white 72c; No. 2 white 71c; No. 2 mixed, 69c. Oats, white clipped 54c; No. 2 white 52c. No. 2 mixed 51c. Bran $1.15. Brown shorts, $1.25; white shorts, $1.50. Victor food, $1.35 per 100 pounds. Quaker food, $1.25. Hay, choice, large bale, $1.10; No. 1 small, $1.00; No. 2 small 90s. Plain corn meal, 75c; bolted 68c. Pearl grits, $1.60.

New York, December 16.—Flour fairly active and closed steadier with wheat. Wheat, spot firm; No. 2 red 89⅝; options opened steadier on cables, but sagged off. Later they rallied and wound up the session rather strong; closed firm and ⅝@⅞c net higher; May 85; July 81⅝; December 90. Corn, spot firm; No. 2 53; options again very firm all day on scant farm offerings, closing ⅝c net higher on May; May 49⅝; December 52. Oats, spot steady; No. 2 41½.

St. Louis, December 16.—Wheat higher; No. 2 red cash and elevator nominal; track 90@91; December 91; May 81⅛; July 75½; No. 2 hard 77@78. Corn higher; No. 2 cash 42½; track 42½; December 42⅝; May 41⅜@41⅞; July 41½. Oats firm; No. 2 cash 36⅛; track 37; December 36¼; May 37⅞; No. 2 white 39.

Chicago, December 16.—The cash quotations were as follows: Flour, dull, 5@10c lower. No. 2 spring wheat, —; No. 3, 78@79; No. 2 red 80⅝@84¾. No. 2 corn, 42¼; No. 2 yellow 44. No. 2 oats, 35¼@36¾; No. 2 white —; No. 3 white, 36@37¼. No. 2 rye, 52.

Cincinnati, December 16.—Flour quiet. Wheat, quiet; No. 2 red, 89½. Corn, easier; No. 2 mixed, 41½. Oats, quiet; No. 2 mixed, 38@38½.

Provisions.

Atlanta, December 16.—Regular ribs, sides, boxed 6.90; half ribs 6.90; bellies 20-lb. average 7.60; do. 40-lb. average 6.90. Star hams 14. Banquet hams, 13c. California hams 7 3-4c. Simon pure kettle rendered leaf lard 8¾c. Shield brand leaf lard, 7½c. White Cloud compound 6½c.

New York, December 16.—Lard easy; Western steam 6.85; refined easy; continent 7.10. Pork easy.

St. Louis, December 16.—Pork lower; jobbing $11.65. Lard lower; steamed 6.39. Bacon steady; boxed extra shorts 7.25; clear ribs 7.50; short clear 7.25.

Chicago, December 16.—Mess pork, $11.25@11.50. Lard, $6.32½@6.35. Short ribs sides, loose, $6.00@6.25. Dry Salted Shoulders (boxed) —. Short Clear Sides (boxed) $6.25@6.37½.

Cincinnati, December 16.—Lard, easier, at $6.17½. Bulk meats, quiet, at $6.75. Bacon, $8.00.

Groceries.

Atlanta, December 16.—Coffee, per 100 pounds, Arbuckle's $12.30; Lion $12.30; Blue Ribbon $10.00; ground coffee, choice 10c; fair 8c; prime 6c. Sugar, standard granulated 5. Sirup, New Orleans open kettle $3@4.65; mixed choice 20@28. Salt dairy sacks, $1.30@1.40; barrel, bulk, $2.50; ice cream $1; common 55@60c. Chese, fancy, full cream twins, 13¾c; singles 15c. Matches, 15, 45¾@65c; 300s $1.50@1.75. Soda, Arm and Hammer, $1.75. Crackers, soda 6½c; cream 7c; ginger snaps 6½c. Pie peaches $1.75; table peaches $2.75@3. Canned tomatoes $1.60. Canned corn $2. Best mince meat 10c lb.; choice 7c lb. Oysters, F. W., $1.85; L. W., $1.20. Fancy head rice 7c; head rice 6c. White fish, 60-lb. keg, $2.90; white fish 100-lb. kegs, $4.40; mullet fish, 80-lb. kegs, $4.50; maccaroni 7c lb. Pork sausage 8½c lb. Sardines, oil, case, $3.75; sardines, mustard, $3.50. Salmon, case, $3.50@5.50. Pepper sauce, dozen, 60c. Catsup, pints, dozen, 85c. Mustard, dozen, 90c. Pickles, 15-gallon, 600s, $5.50.

Country Produce.

Atlanta, December 16.—Eggs, fresh 30@31c. Country smoked bacon 11@12 1-2c; hams, 13@15. Butter, Georgia fresh table, 18@20; Tennessee table 18@20; Jersey, 25@30; cooking butter 15@16; conditions improving. Live poultry, hens 20 1-2@30; fries, large 20@22½; medium 14@17; small 12½@17. Ducks puddle, 20@22½; Pekin 27@30. Dressed poultry, hens 12@12½ per pound; fries, 14@15c per pound; cocks 8@10c per pound; turkeys 18@19. Onions, new crop 85@90 bushel. Cabbages, Virginia, 1¼@1½ per pound. Sweet potatoes, new crop 70@80c per bushel. Peas, white $1.25 per bushel; do., lady, $1.25@1.50; stock, $1@1.25. Dried fruit, Georgia apples 5c pound; do. peaches, 5@6.

Fruits and Confections.

Atlanta, December 16.—Oranges 2.25@2.50. Lemons, fancy, 3.50@4; choice 2.10@2.25. Bananas, per bunch, culls 1@1.25; straights 1.75@2. Nuts: Walnuts, No. 1, 12½c; No. 2, 10½c; almonds, 13c; pecans, 9½@10c; Brazil 10@11c; mixed nuts, 12½c. Peanuts, Virginia, 4½@6c; Georgia, 4c. Cocoanuts, per 100, 3.75@4. Pineapples, 2@2.25 crate. Dates, 50-lb. boxes, 6@6.50; packages, 7½c lb. Figs, 13½@14c. Citron, 15c. Raisins, xx, 1.65 per box; xxx, 1.81 per box. Prunes, small, 5@6c; large 6@7½c. Candy, common stick, 5c lb.; mixed, 6@6½c.

Fruits and Vegetables.

Atlanta, December 16.—Tomatoes, $3.00@4.00. Demand and price improving; peppers $1.50@2 per crate; egg plants 2@2.50 dozen; lettuce 1@1.25 per crate; celery 2@2.50 per crate. Irish potatoes, No. 1 $1.00@1.15 per bushel. Cucumbers $1@2 per crate.

Naval Stores.

Savannah, December 16.—Turpentine firm at 56¼; receipts 530; sales 281. Rosin firm; receipts 5,124; sales 1,832; exports 575. Quote: A, B, C, D, E, F, $2.00; G, $2.25; H, $2.35; I, $2.25; K, $2.80; M, $2.90; N, $3.05; window glass, $3.25; water white, $3.50.

Charleston, December 16.—Turpentine steady at 55½. Rosin steady. Quote: A, B, C, D, E, F, $2.10; G, $2.15; H, $2.25; I, $2.45; K, $2.70; M, $2.80; N, $2.95; window glass, $3.15; water white, $3.40.

Wilmington, December 16.—Spirits turpentine firm at 55; receipts 27 casks. Rosin steady at $2.10; receipts 151. Tar firm at $1.70; receipts 458. Crude turpentine firm at $2.25, $3.80 and $3.80; receipts 72.

Southern Exchange Cotton Letter.

New York, December 16.—There was a disappointed feeling among the bulls at the foreign advices this morning, which showed a decline of about 1 to 3 points, in Liverpool futures. Later cables, however, indicated a sharp rally in the foreign market, and before our market had opened, Liverpool was about 3 or 4 points higher than last night's closing prices. This was followed by an opening here of 3 to 5 points higher. The market today has been a very dull one, and fluctuations were within narrow limits. During the forenoon, there was a rather weak tendency, caused by a few selling orders. Generally fair weather prevails throughout the south, but with a few showers in some parts of Texas. The temperatures range generally between 20 and 40 throughout the south. Generally fair weather is predicted over the west gulf states tonight and Thursday, with a slow rise in the temperature. In the afternoon the market rallied a little, recovering all of its loss, but remained dull, with only a few offerings. Estimated port receipts for the day, 50,000, against 43,000 last year.

The Live Stock Market.

Chicago, December 16.—Cattle—Receipts 24,000. Market dull and weak; good to prime steers $4.90@5; poor to medium $3@4.50; stockers and feeders $1.75@3.90; cows $1.25@3.90; heifers $1.75@3; canners $1.25@2.35; bulls $1.75@4.25; calves $2@5.35.

Hogs—Receipts 50,000. Market 15c lower; closed steady; mixed and butchers $4.30@4.55; good to choice heavy $4.40@4.50; rough heavy $4.20@4.35; light $4.15@4.45; bulk $4.35@4.45.

Sheep—Receipts 25,000. Lambs steady to 10c higher; sheep steady; good to choice wethers $3.50@4; fair to choice mixed $2.50@3.40; western sheep $2.35@4; native lambs $4@6.25; western lambs $4.25@5.75.

Kansas City, December 16.—Cattle—Receipts 4,000, including 200 southern. Market 10@15c lower; export and dressed beef steers $4@5; fair to good $3.40@4.90; western fed steers $3.20@3.95; stockers and feeders $2.50@4; southern steers $2.40@3.65; southern cows $1.85@2.65; native cows weak $1.50@4; native heifers $2.50@4.10; bulls $2.10@3; calves $2.50@5.75.

Hogs—Receipts 10,500. Market 10@15c lower; top 4.45; bulk $4.10@4.37 1-2; heavy $4.37 1-2@4.45; packers $4.30@4.35; pigs and lights $4.25@4.35.

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Law and Order League Will Regulate Mississippi Regulators.

Jackson, Miss., December 16.—(Special.) Dr. A. M. Newman, of Franklin county, who was in the city in consultation with state officials, reported that the effort of the citizens of his section of the state against the whitecappers who have been terrorizing and frightening the negroes, will succeed in freeing Franklin and Amite of this class of outlaws.

The people of Franklin county have organized a law and order league, with Mr. Bennett as chairman, to give notice to the whitecappers that they must either quit or move out of the county. A committee composed of one hundred composed of twenty of the leading citizens from each of the supervising districts have been appointed to wait on the whitecappers if they don't move or quit their cruel treatment of the negroes.

A finance committee, of which Dr. Newman is the head, has raised $1,000, and detectives will be employed to assist in bringing the whitecappers to justice.

Portrait Done by Master.

The director of the department of archives and history is of the opinion that he has in the hall of fame a portrait by Benjamin West, the famous painter. The portrait is one of Governor George Pondexter, and whether painted by West or by some one else it is clearly the work of a master.

Mr. Van Lee, on the staff of The Scientific American, was at the capitol yesterday, and was being shown through the hall of fame, when he saw the portrait of Governor Pondexter, presented by a member of the family. He examined it carefully, and declared that, in his opinion, it was one of West's works.

It is a very old portrait, but is well preserved.

Mississippi Postal Receipts.

The report of the auditor of the postoffice department for the fiscal year which has just ended shows some very interesting facts in regard to the postoffice in Mississippi. All of the offices in the state show a splendid increase in the postal receipts over last year, and this is one of the best indications of the growth of a state.

The receipts of the Vicksburg office lead the list with a total of $40,045.75. Jackson comes next, with a total of $35,813.16, Meridian next with $35,771.45, and Natchez next with $25,053.73. The Jackson postoffice shows the largest increase over last year the receipts above the figures of last year were $4,814.11.

Hattiesburg is second with an increase of $4,596.17.

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FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS the Southern Railway will sell on December 18 to 22, inclusive, with final limit January 8, 1904, tickets to all points in the southeast, including Washington, Cincinnati, Louisville and St. Louis, at one fare and one-third, plus 25 cents for the round trip These tickets will only be sold upon presentation of certificate signed by the Principal, Superintendent or President of the School or College certifying that the holder is a teacher or student.

REGULAR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY RATES OPEN TO ALL will be on sale December 23, 24, 25, 30, 31 and January 1, with final limit January 4, at same rate and to same points as shown above.

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PLAYED WOMAN FOR FREEDOM

By Clever Disguise Man Escapes from Texas Officer.

Chicago, December 16.—After three months of freedom Lawrence Tucker, arrested in Chicago as a fugitive, has been delivered to Sheriff J. W. Baker, of Waco, Tex., from whose custody he escaped by disguising himself as a woman. In addition to the charge of burglary on which he was awaiting trial Tucker now will be asked to face four other charges of burglary.

Harold King, who told the Chicago police on December 7 that Tucker was a fugitive, was in jail for gambling when Tucker told him of a plan to leave the jail while dressed in woman's clothing, to be furnished by a friend. King told Sheriff Baker of the plot. The plan was executed a month later.

King came to Chicago after his release. The evening of December 7 he met Tucker in a saloon and told the police.

Politics Warm in Covington.

Covington, Ga., December 16.—(Special.) City politics in Covington is at high tide now and more interest is being shown in the coming city election than has been seen here in years. The young men have organized a New Men's Democratic League, and have put forth a ticket for the city offices. Last night the older men held a mass meeting, inviting old and young men and nominated their ticket for the city offices. Captain J. M. Pace received the nomination of both parties for mayor, but the scramble will come in the aldermanic and city clerk and school board officers election.

Don't Neglect a Cough. Take Piso's Cure for Consumption in time. All druggists. 25c.

Evans' Squadron at Honolulu.

Honolulu, December 16.—The Raleigh, Cincinnati, Albany and Pompeii, of the northern United States Asiatic squadron, under command of Rear Admiral Cooper, arrived today from Yokohama. Later in the day Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, commander in chief of the Asiatic fleet, arrived on the flagship Kentucky, accompanied by the battle ships Wisconsin and Oregon.

Grand Hotel Is Scorched.

Cincinnati, December 16.—Fire at the Grand hotel today caused a small loss and it is announced that there will be no interruption to business. Crossed wires caused the flames to shoot from the west side of the sixth floor, but the fire was soon extinguished. Most of the damage resulted from smoke and water. No one was hurt and there was little excitement among the guests.

Holiday Excursion Rates via Central of Georgia Railway.

Tickets on sale to teachers and students of schools and colleges holding certificates, December 16 to 22, inclusive; final limit January 8, 1904; to the general public December 23, 24, 25, 30 and 31 and January 1, 1904, final limit January 4, 1904.

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THE WEATHER.

Washington, December 16.—Forecast: Georgia, North and South Carolina—Fair Thursday and Friday; variable winds.

Virginia—Fair Thursday and Friday; light west winds becoming variable.

Western Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Western Texas—Fair Thursday and Friday; light to fresh south winds on coast.

Eastern Florida—Fair Thursday and Friday; light to fresh north to northeast winds.

Tennessee—Fair Thursday and Friday.

Kentucky—Fair Thursday; Friday increasing cloudiness and warmer.

Western Texas—Fair Thursday and Friday.

Arkansas—Fair Thursday and Friday.

From Various Stations.

Stations and State of Weather	Temp'ature 7 p.m.	High	Rain past 12 hrs
Atlanta, clear	45	51	.00
Abilene, clear	48	64	.00
Augusta, clear	44	54	.00
Buffalo, snow	20	24	.02
Charleston, clear	44	46	.00
Charlotte, clear	40	44	.00
Chattanooga, clear	42	50	.00
Chicago, clear	14	22	T
Cincinnati, clear	26	30	.00
Corpus Christi, cloudy	56	58	.00
Detroit, clear	16	22	.00
Dodge City, clear	40	60	.00
Galveston, cloudy	56	56	.00
Huron, cloudy	18	18	T
Jacksonville, clear	50	64	.00
Kansas City, clear	28	38	.00
Knoxville, clear	28	44	.00
Memphis, clear	46	48	.00
Mobile, clear	50	54	.00
Montgomery, clear	48	54	.00
New Orleans, clear	56	62	.00
New York, clear	24	24	.00
Norfolk, part cloudy	38	40	.00
North Platte, clear	32	58	.00
Omaha, clear	24	28	.00
Palestine, clear	54	60	.00
Raleigh, clear	36	42	.00
St. Louis, parf cloudy	30	34	.00
St. Paul, clear	10	14	.00
Savannah, clear	46	58	.00
Tampa, clear	54	68	.00
Vicksburg, clear	52	56	.00
Wilmington, clear	38	48	.00

T indicates trace of rain or snow.
J. B. MARBURY,
Local Forecast Official.

Passenger Men at Augusta.

Augusta, Ga., December 16.—(Special.) The representatives of the Southeastern Passenger Association continued their meeting today and will be in session again tomorrow. The only item of their proceedings that they make public is the fixing of mardi gras rates today at one fare for the round trip.

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Three Nights Beginning Tonight, Matinee Saturday.
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CLEARANCE SALE.
In consequence of having to rebuild and give my 95 Whitehall street store a general overhauling, for which plans and specifications are now in the hands of an architect, I will begin to sell at 7 West Mitchell street in a few days, regardless of profits, sale to continue until all are sold, a large lot of goods such as every family needs, consisting partly of bowls and pitchers, odd bowls or basins, white granite water pitchers, coffee mills, block tin dish pans, coffee pots, sugar bowls, tin wash basins and lots of other goods too numerous to mention here. In the meantime my beer, wine and liquor trade will be continued at 95 Whitehall street, except I may have to ask the honorable mayor and council to temporarily allow me to move to 7 Mitchell street during the progress of the work.
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SUMMARY OF

FORECAST.

Forecast for Georgia—Fair Thursday; light to fresh nor winds.

Highest temperature yester... Lowest temperature yesterd... Mean temperature yesterda... Normal temperature..... Deficiency since first of mon... Deficiency since January 1,...

LOCAL.

Annual report of city tax d... shows remarkable ... an increase of nearly ... millions being shown in ... assessments.

Dr. Floyd W. McRae, of ... president of the South... and Gynecological Associati... is the next convention ...

Order assigning General Pe... command department of ... revoked and General Thoma... will command the departmen...

James Dean, 13-year-old yo... shot by coroner's jury for t... Fred Bradshaw, is arrested ... charge of murder.

The annual Christmas fire ... the center of city began y... will continue until after the ... holidays.

The supreme court finally s... of Lee Cribb, condemned ... refusing him a jury trial on ... insanity.

Atlanta board of education ... angements to pay the sal... teachers before Christmas.

GEORGIA.

Two unknown men are su... a posse in a swamp in Ba... charged with robbing houses ... since of their owners, and ... ing and dangerously woun... Patterson.

Will Shipp and Clarence C... fatally wounded and William ... George Grogan were slightly ... a shooting affray between the ... Cantrells in Paulding county.

"Big Jack" Ferguson was ... Isabella yesterday for the ... Henry Tucker, a fellow conv... had served nine years of a ... for another murder.

Traffic is blocked on the ... Birmingham by two wrecks, ... having been ditched while ... Elsie to clear track of wreck...

J. Matt Fitzgerald, a ... Hawkinsville, who had failed ... added his troubles yesterday ... a dose of strychnine.

The state board of health ... has reported cases of anthra... pox.

SOUTHERN.

Secretary C. B. Bryant, of ... can Cotton Manufacturers, ... a cablegram from the Mast... Association of Manchester ... international agreement to ... product of the mills.

The charred body of Charl... a telegraph operator and ... found by the remains of a ca... Barrior, Fla., yesterday mor... is said to have had a daughte...

Albert Driscoll and J... charged with safe cracking ... of places, were yesterday ... bond at Mobile. Jacksonvill... robbery are still working to...

Governor Jelks, of Alaba... terday elected chairman ... board of trustees, controlli... agricultural schools recently ... by the legislature.

The report on the South ... pensary for the fiscal year ... business amounting to nearl... ion dollars and a net increa... of $71,584.

Jeff Wohlford, of Gadsden ... 30 years, took rough on r... found dead sitting up by ... health rendered him despo...

Twenty-one thousand acres ... coal lands located on the ... have been sold in Pittsburg, ... price being $400,000.

The Alabama patronage ... have just returned from ... claim that Hanna is an ... Roosevelt man.

DOMESTIC.

The senate was the scene ... important debate on the st... question as affected by th... recognition of the independ... republic of Panama. The d... gan with a speech by Mr. ... resolution of inquiry and l... hours. In addition to Mr. H... there were speeches by Mr. ... Mr. Foraker.

At Omaha, Nebr., the U... grand jury today made its ... court concerning nineteen ... These include indictments ag... States Senator Charles H. ... alleged illegal leasing of a ... the government to be used ... office.

The president has tendered ... of civil service commissione... cant by the death of John ... General John C. Black. ... General Black is commander ... the Grand Army.

The president has issued ... tion announc